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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 4/2/59

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (49-953)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka;
 JACOB LEWIS SHUBOW, aka; ET AL
 ESP - CONSPIRACY
 (OO: MI)

Rerop SA JOHN D. FUSELIER, 2/27/59, Detroit.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

On March 31, 1959, Mrs. [REDACTED]
 Dildio Motel, 155 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida, advised
 Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] checked into that hotel on
 January 8, 1959, and departed March 25, 1959. [REDACTED] furnished
 his address as [REDACTED] Michigan.

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Two Give Up in Indictment

Charged in Swindle

Two men indicted here in connection with the Scanlon discount house swindle charges surrendered Tuesday afternoon to face new charges in connection with the same case. They are James Hurley Bishop, 32, Detroit, and Frank Verville, 31, Chicago. Bishop had been out on \$7,500 bail on a charge of interstate transportation of merchandise obtained by fraud. Verville had been freed on \$1,500 bail on a charge of collaborating with Bishop.

Warrants issued after the new indictments accused both men of five federal offenses, including mail fraud and interstate transportation of stolen property.

Federal Judge Robert E. Teshan continued their previous bail amounts. They will be arraigned later before a United States commissioner.

Three men were arrested in the case Tuesday in Cleveland, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich., and released on bail. They are Irving Isadore Litcherman and Daniel Edward Wigdowski, who operated a wholesale firm at Cleveland, and Jacob Louis Shubow, who operated a wholesale firm at Detroit.

Indictments were disclosed Wednesday for Robert L. Halpin, 29, a retail merchant, and Ruth Jane McGuigan, 30, both of Detroit.



F. Verville

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REPORTING OFFICE CLEVELAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 4-6-59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/2 - 3/25/59
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY tmr
aka; DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI, aka, [Redacted] ETAL		CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)	

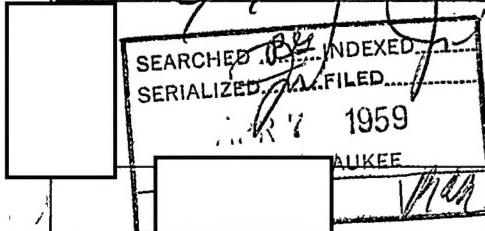
SYNOPSIS

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The title of this case is being marked Changed
to reflect aliases of subject DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI.

REFERENCES

- Report of SA [Redacted] 1-13-59, at Cleveland.
Report of SA [Redacted] 1-16-59, at Milwaukee.
Detroit airtel to Cleveland, 1-21-59.
Milwaukee airtel to Cleveland, 2-9-59.
Cleveland airtel to Milwaukee, 2-16-59.
Cleveland airtel to Milwaukee, 2-27-59.
Milwaukee teletype to Cleveland, 3-6-59.

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REFERENCES
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Cleveland teletype to Milwaukee, 3-6-59,

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LEADS

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- ✓ 1. Will advise USA to forward certified copies of indictments returned by LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI to USA, Cleveland.

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2. Will discuss potential value of telephone listings obtained by Cleveland Division as future evidence and advise Cleveland of same in view of the fact these records are maintained by telephone company for only a period of six months.

CINCINNATI

At Columbus, Ohio

Will report results of investigation so reliability of [redacted] can be established.

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At Cleveland, Ohio

1. Will continue vigorous, intensive investigation to determine disposition of Scanlon merchandise shipped to Cleveland.

2. Will attempt to obtain photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] to be forwarded to the Chicago Division to be displayed to RUSHUS WILLIAMS for possible identification.

3. Will follow and report results of removal hearing of WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN scheduled for April 17, 1959.

CHICAGO (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Chicago Division in view of their investigation pending in that division.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On January 12, 1959, [redacted] PCI, Cleveland, called the office and advised that he had become acquainted with [redacted] at the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid. According to PCI, his new acquaintance advised him that his employers were crooked and handled "hot" merchandise. PCI advised that he was

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trying to get in with his new acquaintance [redacted]

[redacted] from the E and A Sales Company.

On January 16, 1959, PCI advised that the full name of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him the big boss was a man by the name of IRVIN, [redacted]

PCI made available for inspection [redacted]

[redacted] PCI stated that [redacted] told him the E and A Sales Company has about three warehouses, one of which is located directly behind their showrooms at 7010 Euclid, another one is located across the alley from Central Chevrolet.

Miss [redacted] Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Cleveland, advised SA [redacted] on March 4, 1959, of the following subscribers to the below listed telephone numbers:

EX 1-2500

Colonial House Motel
3301 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

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AN 1-2210

Fairway Discount Store
26500 Lakeland Boulevard
Euclid, Ohio

EN 1-9139

Pay phone at
Playbar Restaurant and Lounge
6301 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

MI 1-0166

See-bee Enterprise Company, Inc.
6050 Broadway
Cleveland, Ohio

On March 9, 1959, the following toll call listings
were received from [redacted] whose identity is known to
the Bureau:

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On March 10, 1959, the following toll call listings were received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau:

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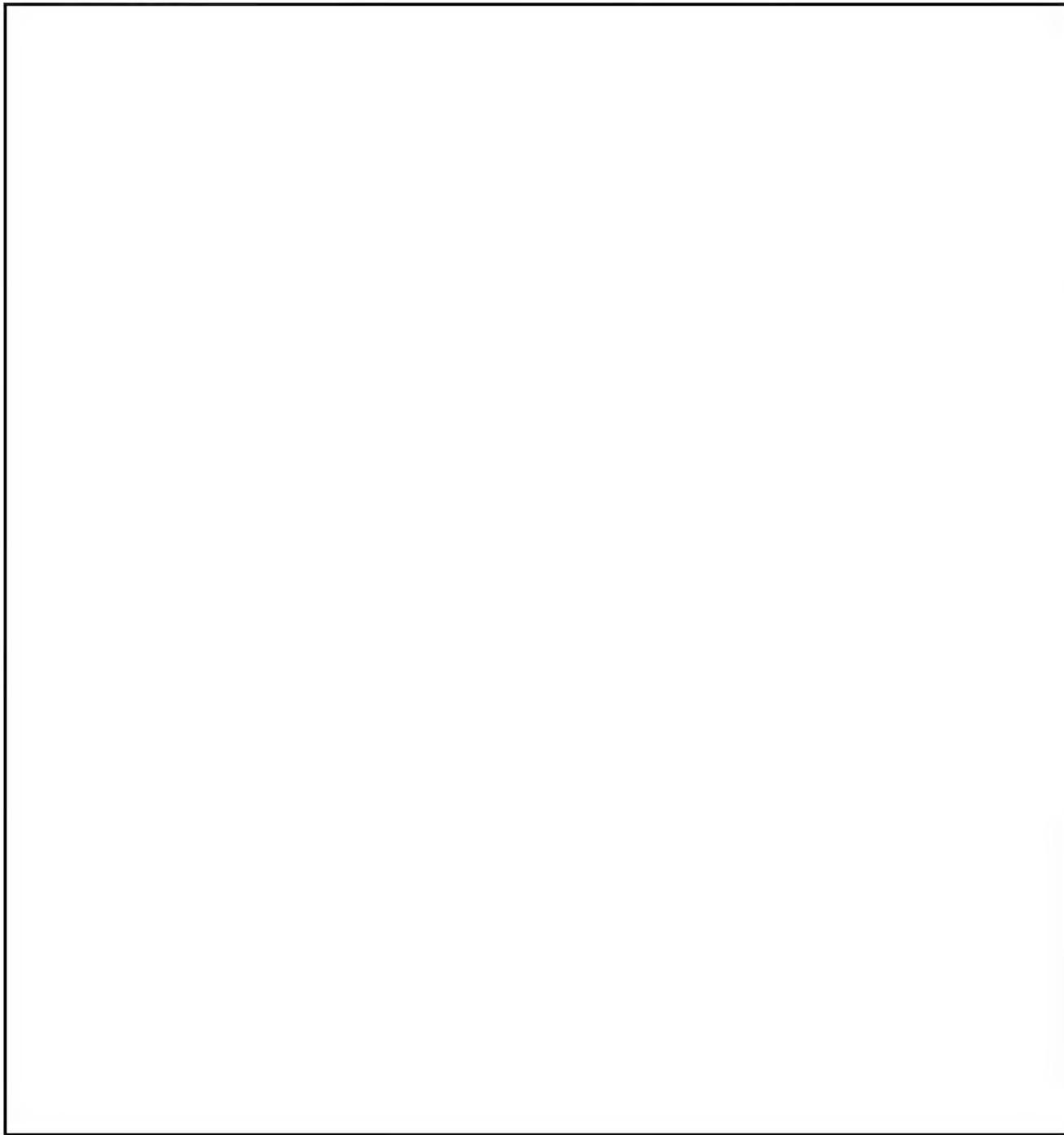
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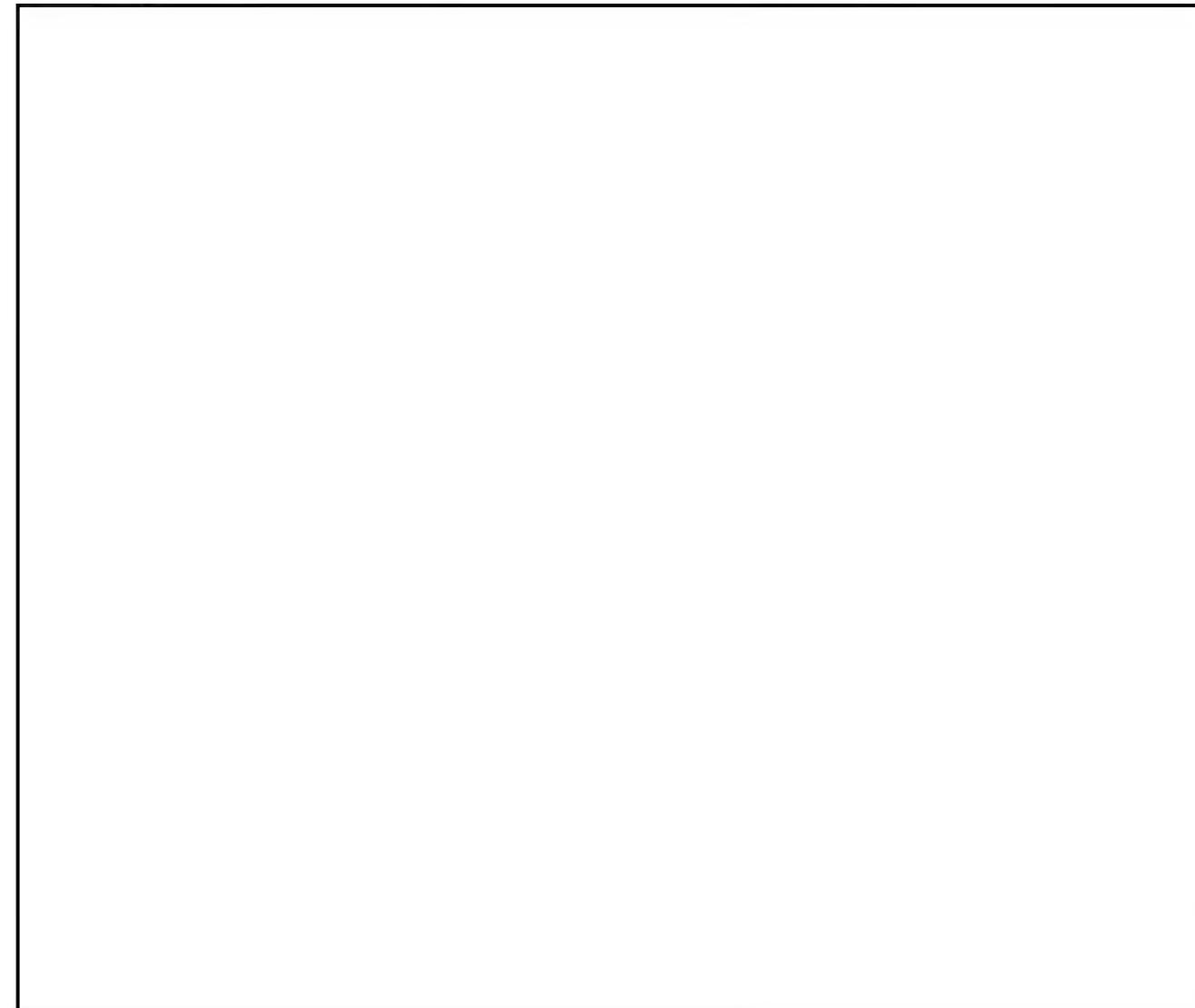
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On March 10, 1959, the following listings were received for the designated phone numbers from [redacted]

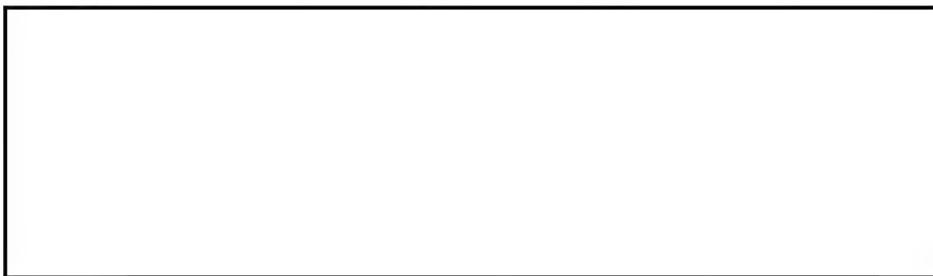


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It was determined through previous investigation by the Cleveland Division under case captioned, [redacted] [redacted] that Cleveland telephone YE 2-3284 is listed to IRVING LICHTERMAN, 2552 Warrensville Center Road, and this service was installed November 17, 1956.

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On March 20, 1959, [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, informed SA [redacted] that he was to meet IRVING LIGHT of the E and A Sales Company on the afternoon of [redacted]. The informant said LIGHT reportedly [redacted]

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The informant recalled that in the past he was approached by one [redacted]

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The informant stated he did not purchase these items in view of the fact [redacted] contact of his told him this material was made of [redacted]. The informant furnished no further information as to the origin of the above items.

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[redacted]
[redacted] The information received by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on March 18, 1959, from the Capital Bank,
Cleveland, was furnished by Mr. [redacted]

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:
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Report of: SA [redacted] **Office:** CLEVELAND, OHIO
Date: April 6, 1959

File Number: CLEVELAND (49-506) BUREAU (49-14193)

Title: [redacted]

JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW; IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN;
 DAVID EDWARD WIGODSKI

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT;
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
Synopsis: STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY
 (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)

Merchandise removed from warehouse by E and A, additional
 warehouse space located, Cleveland. E and A opened
 branch location, Cleveland. 21-A hearings, Cleveland,
witness, IRVING LICHTERMAN, summarized and set forth.

[redacted] furnished
 signed statement indicating 18 shipments of merchandise
 from Scanlon's, Milwaukee, received by E and A, Cleveland,
 and 19th shipment diverted to Columbus, Ohio, by
 LICHTERMAN. [redacted] indicated method of handling and
 storage at Cleveland and stated LICHTERMAN burned
 records pertaining to receipt of shipment. [redacted]
 refused to be re-interviewed. RUSHUS WILLIAMS, driver,
 located Cleveland, states he made approximately ten
 shipments from Scanlon's, Milwaukee, to E and A, Cleveland,
 during 9-58. WILLIAMS identified photograph of LICHTERMAN
 as individual who paid him for charges of shipments.
 WILLIAMS identified photograph of WIGODSKI as employee
 of E and A. Bank records reflect request of payment
 to be stopped on 16 E and A checks amounting to \$30,000.
 USM, Cleveland, arrested LICHTERMAN 3-20-59. LICHTERMAN
 released on \$5,000 bond. WIGODSKI voluntarily appeared
 USM's Office, Cleveland, 3-23-59, released under
 \$5,000 bond. Removal hearings demanded until 4-17-59.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE:

January 14, 1959

Dictated: January 9, 1959

FROM :

SA [redacted]

SUBJECT:

[redacted] aka;

etal

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On January 2, 1959, Mr. [redacted]
Elrad Building Company, 715 Carnegie Avenue,
accompanied SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] to the third floor of the building at this
above address and showed the above named agents
the space rented as a warehouse by the E and A
Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. It
is to be noted the third floor of this building,
west side, contains a furniture salesroom of the
Elrad Furniture Company. The space occupied by the
E and A Sales Company is approximately 18' x 50' x 12'
in size and is immediately adjacent to the furniture
salesroom on the south east end of the salesroom.
This space is partitioned from the salesroom and
has a two door entrance which is approximately
50" x 72" in size at the northwest corner of the
partitioned area. No other entrance or exit to this
space was observed by these Agents.

It is noted the entrance to the space occupied by
the E and A Sales Company was open and part of the
merchandise stored therein was immediately inside
the doorway.

The following merchandise was observed at this
time:

6 - Emerson Air Conditioners in cartons bearing
following inscriptions:

Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company
8100 Florissant Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

RLS:tmr

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Customer Order No. A3195
Our SO No. 35378
SN's 712901
713048
Model AC 8-20-30D

It is noted the serial numbers of the remaining four air conditioners could not be observed in view of the position of the items, however, the number E7 G7 115 603/4 HP was inscribed on these cartons in black crayon.

3 - Moz-All Power lawn mowers

Numerous boxes bearing the name of
Hedlund Manufacturing Company
Nokomis, Illinois

Garden hose

Numerous boxes bearing name of
La Salle Distributing Company
9018 12th Street
Detroit, Michigan

Cartons with inscription designating contents as:

Cooler chests
Softball equipment
Badminton Sets
Table tennis sets
Lawn equipment
Barbecue cooking utensils
Air-D-Lux portable air conditioners
Kaufman electric hedge clippers
Empire Amerex Products
Patio wading pools
Pogo sticks

Additional merchandise was stored in the above area, however, the identity of this merchandise could not

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be ascertained in view of its location in the storage area.

It is to be noted the majority of the above area was completely filled and the merchandise was stacked to the ceiling.

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By communication dated January 6, 1959,
the Milwaukee Division advised the following information
was obtained from records of the Bankruptcy Court,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pertaining to the identity of
the missing merchandise of this case:

Proof of Claim of the Wind King Electric
Manufacturing Company Invoice Number 39729 dated
August 29, 1958, Customer Order Number A 3665 reflects
shipment of three units of J17GP23/4 Briggs Power Lawn
Mowers to Scanlon's Radio and Music, Milwaukee; Invoice
Number 35378 of Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company,
St. Louis, Missouri, reflects the shipment under purchase
order A3195 to Scanlon's on August 29, 1958, two units,
AC813 15 P115 V, Portable Air Conditioners, Serial Numbers
511946, 511932; two units AC8 20 30 D2230 Deluxe Air
Conditioners, Serial Numbers 713048, 712901; two units
AC 8 10 15 AC ON 115V, Casement Air Conditioners, Serial
Numbers 803365, 803370.

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date January 15, 1959

Mr. [redacted] advised he is [redacted] of the Euclid-79th Beverage Company, 7811 Euclid Avenue.

[redacted] advised the premises at 7813 Euclid Avenue which is now unoccupied was previously rented by one [redacted] [redacted] as a warehouse. He stated [redacted] originally rented this store to be used as a retail outlet for household appliances. He stated [redacted] is reportedly connected and employed by the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

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[redacted] advised merchandise was moved into the aforementioned establishment during July of 1958, and was removed during September, 1958. He stated [redacted] had indicated that too much merchandise had been placed in this store and, therefore, he could not open the store as a retail outlet and was moving the merchandise to the building adjacent to the E and A Sales Company for the purpose of being sold on a retail basis. [redacted] advised the merchandise was moved into the store from semi-trailers by individuals unknown to him. He advised the trucks and trailers were all unmarked, and he could not remember the number or state of the license plates on the trailers. He stated the cabs contained a large amount of P.U.C.O. numbers and was of the opinion that these trucks belonged to small private carrier concerns. He advised that he saw the merchandise stored at 7813 Euclid Avenue, on several occasions and stated it consisted primarily of window fans, was piled to the ceiling and filled the complete area of the store. He stated he did not observe the names of the consignee or consignors on any of the cartons containing the above merchandise.

Interview with [redacted] File# CV 49-506
on 1-7-59 at Cleveland, Ohio Date Dictated: 1-13-59
by Special Agent [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7c

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[redacted] advised the above merchandise was removed from 7813 Euclid Avenue by an individual named [redacted] (LNU). He stated [redacted] used a new blue station wagon to remove this merchandise over a period of several days and then used a Hertz rent-a-truck. He advised this merchandise was removed from the store and taken to the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue. He described [redacted] as white, male, [redacted] hair, and possibly [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated he was never informed by anyone connected with the merchandise at 7813 Euclid Avenue, that the merchandise was bankrupt stock or "hot" merchandise nor was he informed of the origin of the merchandise.

[redacted] advised the aforementioned building is owned by [redacted] Keith Building, Cleveland.

[redacted] stated he would be able to definitely identify [redacted] if he should see him again and indicated he would not be able to identify [redacted] in view of the fact he had only seen him on one or two occasions. [redacted] was unable to furnish any description of [redacted]

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By communication dated January 7, 1959, the Milwaukee Division forwarded creditors' invoices and other identifying data concerning merchandise shipped to Scanlon's Radio and Music, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in referenced airtel.

The following information pertaining to the missing merchandise of this case was obtained from these documents and the documents were returned, as requested to the Milwaukee Division:

* American Lawn Mower Company
Muncie, Indiana

Shipped August 20, 1958
Scanlon Purchase Order #A1192
dated August 15, 1958

12 - 14" Success, 4 blade lawn mowers

12 - 16", 5 blade Speedy lawn powers

Value \$220.90

"Bar-Brook Manufacturing Company, Inc.
6135 Linwood Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana

Scanlon Order #A3161
Two shipments for above order
#1 shipped September 17, 1958

3 - AVP-30 fans
SNS - 8D9, 8D8 and 8D10

#2 shipped September 22, 1958

3 - AVP - 30 fans
SNS - 8F1, 8I2 and 8I3

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*Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company
8100 Florissant Avenue
St. Louis 21, Missouri

Shipped August 29, 1958, Invoice # 35378
Scanlon Purchase Order #A3195

2 - AC8-13-15P 115V port air conditioners

SNs 511946
511932

2 - AC8-20-30D 2-230 Deluxe Air Conditioner

SNs 713048
712901

2 - AC8-10-15AC 1-115 V Casement RAC

SNs 803365
803370

Value \$1,068.00

"Foreign Import Corporation
46-48 Clinton Street
Yonkers, New York

#1 Shipped September 4, 1958, Invoice # 4781
Scanlon's Order - A1722

100-4 player badminton sets \$468.00
6-4 player sets

#2 Shipped September 18, 1958, Invoice #4868
Scanlon's Order - B 1917

24 - Badminton Sets \$196.00

Value \$660.00

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*Knight Table Tennis Company
8 Forrest Street
Brooklyn, New York

#1 Scanlon's Order #A1209, August 15, 1958,
Shipped August 20, 1958, Invoice C1449

6 doz.	401	Table Tennis Sets
2 doz.	424	Table Tennis Sets
2 doz.	455	Table Tennis Sets
1 doz.	477	Table Tennis Sets

\$361.20

#2 Scanlon's Order #B1034, August 29, 1958,
Shipped September 5, 1958, Invoice C1590

6 doz.	424	Table Tennis Sets
6 doz.	455	Table Tennis Sets

\$450.00

Value \$811.20

*Korlis, Ltd.
Englewood, New Jersey

#1 - Scanlon's Order #A 1021, August 18, 1958,
Shipped August 30, 1958, Invoice D 3355

#390	27 only	Four play Promotional Badminton Sets
#480	27 only	Four play Deluxe Badminton Sets

\$210.60

#2 - Scanlon's Order #B 1036, August 29, 1958
Shipped August 22, 1958, Invoice D 3232

2 cases (6 doz.) 12" dart boards
3 cases (4½ doz.) 18" dart boards

\$180.00

Value \$390.60

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*Magnon Racket Corporation
North Attleboro, Massachusetts

Scanlon's Order #A3865, dated August 30, 1958,
Shipped September 20, 1958, Invoice 8768

2 doz.	#400	Tennis balls
12 doz.	#35-sp	Varsity, squash frames
12 doz.	#35	Serve, squash frames
6 doz.	#2/22	Badminton Sets
6 doz.	#2/22-P	Badminton Sets
4 doz.	#4/22-P	Badminton Sets

Value \$248.80

*Master Juvenile Products, Inc.
Hamburg Acres
Walker Valley, New York

#1 Scanlon's Order #A3601, August 25, 1958
Shipped September 5, 1958, Invoice 4685

3 doz.	#500 Little Junior	
3 doz.	#600 Junior Pogo	
3 doz.	#600A Junior Pogo w/handles	\$369.60

#2 Scanlon's Order #B 1972, September 16, 1958
Shipped September 22, 1958, Invoice 4789

6 doz. #600 A Junior Pogo \$288.00

Value \$657.60

*Superior Electric Products Corporation
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Scanlon's Order #A 3070, August 21, 1958,
Shipped August 27, 1958, Invoice 8931

48	#590A Auto. Perc. w/c
48	#620 Fan Heater
24	#550 Toast R Bake Comb.

Value \$846.00

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*Wind-King Electric Manufacturing Company
Merrill, Iowa

Scanlon's Order #A 3665, August 25, 1958
Shipped August 29, 1958, Invoice 6926

3 - J-17-6P 2 3/4 briggs

Value \$370.11

*Howard Table Tennis Company
60 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Scanlon's Order #A1144, August 20, 1958,
Shipped August 27, 1958, Invoice A 11056

36	#960	T. T. Sets
3	#949	T. T. Sets
6	#947	T. T. Sets
1	#550	T. T. Table $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3	#575	T. T. Tables $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Value \$419.40

*American Lawn Mower Company
Muncie, Indiana

(No invoices or description of merchandise)

Value \$220.90

*Kasson Die and Motor Corporation
34-08 Northern Boulevard
Long Island City 1, New York

Scanlon Order #A 3369
Shipped October 17, 1958, Invoice 05561

24 Roto Sho Electric Bar-B-Q

Value \$352.80

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*Kaufman Manufacturing Company
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Scanlon's Order #A 3421
Shipped _____, Invoice S 39173

3 - Model 12HM Hedgemaster Elec. Hedge Trimmers
SNS 13897
13898
13899

3 - K-400T Elec. Grass Trimmers

Value \$144.07

*Lambert Incorporated
519 Hunter Avenue
Dayton, Ohio

Scanlon's Order 5 or 4 242, September 27, 1958
Shipped October 8, 1958, Invoice 23932

4 - S-303 A Lawnsweepers
3 - S-212 A Lawnsweepers

Value \$179.40

*Outdoor Chef Products
180 N. Wabash Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

Scanlon's Order A 4174, October 3, 1958
Shipped October 8, 1958, Invoice 4605

Stock No.

10 doz. Hickory Flak	H-32
10 doz. Hickory Flak	H-12
20 doz. Charcoal lighter	
20 doz. Fire Bellos	

Value \$352.80

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*Sewell Products Company
Overholt Road
Kent, Ohio

Scanlon's Order A 1435, dated --
Shipped October 9, 1958, Shipping Memo #1302

	<u>Quantity</u>
6 cartons GB-133 Practice Golf Balls	216 bags
4 cartons WB-233 Wiz Balls	48
2 cartons WB-333 Wiz Balls	24
4 cartons R-66 Table Tennis Sets	24
8 cartons S-33 Table Tennis Sets	48

Value (not indicated)

By communication dated January 16, 1959, the
Cleveland Division returned the above invoices to
the Milwaukee Division as requested.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

January 15, 1959

Mr. [redacted]

Community Discount Furniture Company, 7002 Euclid Avenue, advised his company has returned all unsold merchandise to the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, which was previously purchased from the E and A Sales Company. He stated his company had purchased a couple thousand dollars worth of merchandise from the E and A Sales Company; however, after being contacted by Special Agents of the FBI, on October 24, 1958, it was decided by his company that all merchandise and records pertaining to merchandise purchased from E and A Sales Company would be returned to that company. [redacted] stated that the origin of this merchandise was unknown to him, however, he did not want his company involved in any "scandal".

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[redacted] advised the accounting records of his company are maintained by MILTON LICKER and Associates, Cleveland.

[redacted] stated an individual known to him as [redacted] of H and H Distributors, Cleveland, is presently in business in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Louisville, Kentucky, areas, but stated he did not know the name or type of business.

Interview with [redacted] File # CV 49-506

on 1-8-59 at Cleveland, Ohio Dictated: 1-13-59

by Special Agent [redacted] /tmr

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January 15, 1959

Mr. [redacted] Elrad Building Company, advised the E and A Sales Company had removed all merchandise previously stored by that company from his building at 715 Carnegie Avenue, on January 5-6, 1959.

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He advised he was not present during the above dates due to a heart ailment and the snow conditions on these dates. He advised the following employees of his company were present at the time the merchandise was removed from his warehouse by the E and A Sales Company:



[redacted] was unable to furnish any further information pertaining to the details of E and A Sales Company removing this merchandise from his warehouse.

Interview with [redacted] File # CV 49-506
on 1-8-59 at Cleveland, Ohio Date Dictated: 1-13-59
by Special Agent [redacted] /ral

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 15, 1959

Mr. [redacted] Cleve-
land, Ohio, advised he is employed by the Elrad Building
Company as a [redacted] at 715 Carnegie Avenue.
Mr. [redacted] advised he was working on January 5, 1959, and
January 6, 1959, when one white and two colored males arrived
at his place of employment and removed merchandise from
storage from the third floor of the building at 715 Carnegie
Avenue. He advised this merchandise was stored in the south-
east section of the third floor and was enclosed by partitions.
He stated he does not know who the owner is of the merchandise
which was removed from this address. [redacted] was unable to
furnish the names of the individuals who removed this
merchandise from the building nor could he furnish the
destination of the merchandise and could not indicate how
many trips were made in hauling this merchandise from the
building. He stated the merchandise which was removed
consisted of fans, power lawnmowers, barbecue pits, and
various other items which he was unable to recall. He
advised this merchandise was hauled on a closed van and he
assumed it was a rented truck because it was painted
black and yellow similar to those rented by the Hertz
Rental Corporation.

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[redacted] advised the area from which this merchandise
was removed is approximately 15' x 50' x 10' in size and
indicated that this area was completely filled with merchandise
and stacked to the ceiling. [redacted] furnished the following
descriptions of the above individuals:

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Race:

White

Sex:

Male

Age:

[redacted]

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Height:
Weight:
Build:
Complexion:
Clothing:

Number Two

Race: Negro
Sex: Male
Height:
Weight:
Age:
Build:
Complexion:
Scars and marks:
Clothing:

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Number Three

Race: Negro
Sex: Male
Age:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Clothing:

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[redacted] advised he did not pay too much attention to these individuals while removing the merchandise and he is, therefore, of the opinion that he could not identify these individuals if he should see them in the future.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any further information pertaining to the above incident which might be of assistance in the investigation of this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

January 15, 1959

Mr. [redacted] Cleveland,
advised he is [redacted] of the Furniture Department, Elrad
Company, 715 Carnegie Avenue.

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He advised he was working on January 5, 1959, when one white and two colored males came to 715 Carnegie Avenue, and removed all the merchandise from the third floor, which merchandise he was informed belonged to the E and A Sales Company. He stated the individuals who moved the merchandise were unknown to him. He stated the above individuals started hauling the merchandise from the building at approximately 3:30 p.m., January 5, 1959, and ceased moving the merchandise at approximately 7:30 p.m. He advised the above three individuals left the building on three different occasions, and he, therefore, assumed that these individuals took three loads of merchandise from the building on that date. He stated he did not know the destination of the merchandise.

[redacted] furnished the following descriptions of the above individuals:

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Race: White
Sex: Male
Age:
Height: [redacted]

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by Special Agent [redacted] Vral

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Build:
Hair:
Complexion:
Scars and Marks:
Clothing:

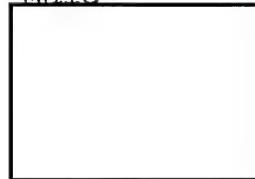


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Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Build:
Complexion:

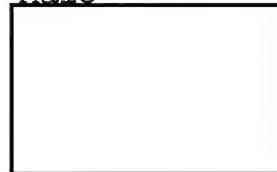
Negro
Male



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Race:
Sex:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Build:
Complexion:

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Male



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[redacted] advised he has never seen the above individuals prior to their arrival at his place of business and stated that he is of the opinion he could identify these individuals if he should see them in the future.

[redacted] stated he did not pay any attention to their activity while moving the merchandise and, therefore, could not indicate the type of merchandise which was moved, nor could he estimate the value of the merchandise moved.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: January 19, 1959
(Date dictated: January 13, 1959)

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

aka, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY

On January 8, 1959, Mr. [redacted]

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can be obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena
duces tecum which should be directed to Mr. [redacted][redacted] were reviewed by
SA [redacted] and the following information was obtain-
ed therefrom:b6
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Mr. [redacted] advised the records of [redacted]



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On January 9, 1959, it was determined through personal observation that the E and A Sales Company was preparing to open a new branch store at 2032 East 105th Street. The store at this address bore signs of the E and A Sales Company indicating an opening in the immediate future.

On January 13, 1959, Mr. [redacted] advised the next 21-A hearing is scheduled for January 19, 1959.

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By communication dated January 12, 1959, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the following identification record for DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI under FBI Number 1675694:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Highland Park, Mich.	DANIEL WIGODSKI #4080	10-10-34	larc. by fraud	10-30-34 final chg att L by conversion penalty - susp sent by Judge Mun Crt.
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	DANIEL E. WIGODSKI #49704	1-10-39	inv.	1-11-39 rel
USM, Columbus, Ohio	DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI #--	7-27-44	Vio. O.P. 90 days - A. Price \$2500.00 Law fine	

By communication dated January 12, 1959, the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the following identification record for IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN under FBI Number 363728:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Bridgeport, Conn.	IRVING LICHTERMAN #3226	4-14-30	fugitive from justice - auto theft	
PD Los Angeles, Calif.	IRVING LICHTIMAN #29760-M-15	3-23-31	susp. G.T. 5-26-31, dism auto on G. T. fine \$1000	
SO Los Angeles, Calif.	IRVING LICHTERMAN #145938	3-24-31	G. T. and 146 C.V.A.	expir.
PD Kalamazoo, Mich.	IRVING LICHTERMAN #3743	12-2-36	inv.	rel.
PD Detroit, Mich.	IRVING LICHTERMAN #62897	7-8-40	inv. false pret.	
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN, #53823	10-16-40	inv.	
PD, Columbus, Ohio	IRVING ISODORE LICHTERMAN #29383	12-18-47	selling w/o license	bond forf. 12-19-47
PD, Houston, Texas	IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN #39339	5-8-48	inv.	
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN #R-29565	9-22-48	inv.	9-22-48, rel.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Charlotte, NC	IRVING ISEDORE LITCHTERMAN #18591	2-18-51	peddling w/o lic and susp person inv	
AR	IRVING ISEDORE LITCHTERMAN #2328663		alien reg 9-23-40	
*		2-10-31 Los Angeles, Calif. drunk; \$10x5, D13, 2-11-31		
*		2-12-31 Los Angeles, Calif. drunk; 5 days DIS, 2-12-31		
*		29760-M-15 PD Los Angeles, Calif. 2-26-32 rob.; 3-4-32 rel.; 2-26 2 burg; 3-4-32, rel.		
*		PD, Detroit, Mich., IRV. LITCHTERMAN, 3-17-30, Traffic viol., \$7 fine.		
*		PD, Detroit, Mich., IRV. LITCHTERMAN, 11-4-35, traffic viol., \$4. fine.		
*		PD, Detroit, Mich., IV. LITCHTERMAN, 6-26-35, fug. Gordon City, Mich., TOT SO, Wayne Co., Mich.		

Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate February 5, 1959

Mr. [redacted] Nelson Machine and Manufacturing Company, PO Box 354, Ashtabula, Ohio, was interviewed at his place of business, State Road, Ashtabula, Ohio, on January 21, 1959. He advised that over a period of years the Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, had placed small orders with the Nelson Machine and Manufacturing Company and they had originally and periodically thereafter, upon the receipt of an order from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, obtained a credit report from Dun & Bradstreet.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that their most recent credit rating was about 1957, at which time Dun & Bradstreet rated Scanlon's as "first rate."

Mr. [redacted] advised that on August 25, 1958, order No. A 3655 was received from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop and that by Nelson Machine and Manufacturing Company invoice C 39916 the order was filled, using the old credit rating.

On September 13, 1958, Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop Order No. B 1907 was received and this order was filled by Nelson Machine and Manufacturing Company invoice No. C 40416. Invoice No. C 39916 was in the amount of \$352.56, and Invoice No. C 40416 was in the amount of \$303.36.

Mr. [redacted] advised that they have received no payment on either of the above orders and that the total amount has been turned over by them to the American Credit Indemnity Company, Baltimore, Maryland, for collection.

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on 1/21/59 at Ashtabula, Ohio Dictated 1/23/59
by Special Agent [redacted] /mrf

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Mr. [redacted] furnished the following original purchase orders of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop:

Order No. A 3655, dated August 25, 1958, and Order No. B 1907, dated September 13, 1958.

Mr. [redacted] furnished the following copies of Nelson Machine and Manufacturing Company invoices:

Invoice No. C 39916, dated August 29, 1958, and Invoice No. C 40416, dated September 19, 1958.

Mr. [redacted] advised that should it be necessary for him to testify concerning the above orders or invoices that he or [redacted] would be the proper persons to testify concerning this matter.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: February 24, 1959
Dictated: 1-23-59

FROM : SA [redacted]

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CONSPIRACY

On January 21, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Attorney for the Trustee in instant case, furnished the transcript of the 21-A hearing being held in instant case, which was prepared by HARRY HERMAN and Associates, 1836 Standard Building, Cleveland.

Appearances on behalf of the Attorney for the Trustee, Ancillary proceeding, [redacted] Esquire of Nadler and Neben, Superior Building, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the witnesses IRVING LICHTERMAN, [redacted]
[redacted] Esquire of Fink, Lynch, and Matia, Superior Building, Cleveland.

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The following is a summary of the 21-A hearing as set forth in the transcript of the hearing held on Wednesday, January 7, 1959, in the matter of [redacted] dba Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Bankrupt, Case #82198, U.S. District Court, for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

IRVING LICHTERMAN of lawful age, having been first duly sworn by the Honorable CARL D. FRIEBOLIN. Referee, testified as follows to examination by Mr. [redacted]

"Q What is your name?

"A IRVING LICHTERMAN.

"Q You are sometimes referred to as IRVING LITE?

"A IRVING LITE. Yes. L-I-T-E.

RLS:jem/tmr

"Q Now, Mr. LICHTERMAN, these questions that I am going to ask you are going to pertain for the period from July 1, 1958, to the present time, unless I give you a different date.

"Who was the bookkeeper? Let us hold that for a moment.

"What is the E & A Wholesale Sales Company, is that a partnership or a corporation?

"A It is a corporation.

"Q Are you an officer of that corporation?

"A Yes, sir.

"Q And you are a director of that corporation?

"A Yes.

"Q And you are a stockholder of that corporation?

"A Yes.

"Q As far as the mechanical entries are concerned, the mechanical work done with regard to the records in the place of business, who takes care of that?

"A Every day we do. Nothing to it.

"Q You do that?

"A My partner and I.

"Q Who is he?

"A EDWARD WIGODSKI.

"Q Other than you and he then, who else makes entries and handles the records?

"A Our accountant.

"Q Besides him you said there was somebody else?

"A She comes in occasionally to put new bills on the books. That is all she does.

"Q What is her name?

"A Mrs. [redacted]
She lives in [redacted]

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"Q Now, would you be able to testify as to the type of bookkeeping system you have?

"A I don't know anything about that.

"Q You would not understand that?

"A I don't understand bookkeeping.

"Q Would you be able to tell us what the bookkeeping system was or how it is handled?

"A No.

"Q Do you know whether you maintain a receiving record of merchandise that came in?

"A Receiving record? We have everything that comes in in the inventory.

"Q You know, some businesses have a type of record that when merchandise is delivered and invoices come in, they compare that receiving record with the invoice.

"A We don't have that.

"Q You do not have a receiving record as such.

"Your answer then, if I understand you correctly, is you get an invoice that shows the merchandise received for the period involved?

"A All I know when the merchandise comes in there, we check it over and then we put it away. We don't enter it.

"Q Well, do you know, of your own knowledge whether there is any merchandise received for which you don't have invoices?

"A We have invoices for everything received.

"Q You have those invoices at your place of business?

"A For all the merchandise we have.

"Q That you received from July through August, September, and October?

"A I don't understand.

"MR. [REDACTED] The question is
as I understand it, 'Do you have a
regular invoice for every item, item by
item, that was received by you, the E &
A Sales from July through October.'

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"THE WITNESS: No. I haven't.
I buy items at auction. They don't give
you a bill.

"Q What do you do when you order merchandise?
Do you have to use any written purchase
orders?

"A No, sir.

"Q You do not have a form for purchase orders?

"A We do not ever use them.

"Q Now, did you have any course of dealings with the E & A Sales where you buy property personally and then resell to the E & A Sales, did you, personally?

"A No, sir.

"Q Would there be any instance where the E & A would give you cash to buy merchandise, and there would not be any records to the person from whom you bought the merchandise?

"A No; I don't know of any. I don't know if I can answer that.

"Q The reason I am mentioning that, in looking up the records, there may be instances of purchases you may have gotten from somebody else, making him give payment in cash, and then buying it.

"MR. [REDACTED] Let me say this:

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"In the case of Rich Mor Sales, it is the fact that Rich Mor Sales wanted to hold not only the E & A, but they wanted Mr. LICHTERMAN and Mr. WIGODSKI personally liable for the money in case the E & A check was not any good.

"They wanted WIGODSKI and Mr. LICHTERMAN personally liable, and requested their endorsement on the checks.

"The E & A Sales would make a check out payable to Mr. LICHTERMAN, and Mr. LICHTERMAN in turn would then endorse the check and give it to Rich Mor Sales, so Rich Mor Sales could now proceed if, they so desired against the maker of the check, the E & A Sales and Mr. LICHTERMAN personally.

"It was an added means of getting credit against the checks that they would receive.

"Now, I believe the checks which Rich Mor Sales received from E & A Sales were for a limited time. We have to check the records. One might be, one check from Mr. LICHTERMAN, and one check from Mr. WIGODSKI, which were in turn, deposited and endorsed by Rich Mor Sales of Detroit.

"That would take care of the checks.

"If that is what you are referring to, is the making out of the check and the fact they wanted to cash it; and the return on the back of the checks shows by endorsement it was deposited in the account of Rich Mor Sales for merchandise which was purchased from Rich Mor Sales, if I make myself clear.

"Q Were you in Milwaukee during the month of July, 1958?

"A I had been in Milwaukee a lot of times. I don't remember that time. I had a very good friend of mine there.

"Q Were you in Milwaukee?

"A I have been in Milwaukee. I haven't been there in quite a while.

"Q Were you in Milwaukee?

"A I don't know the dates. I know I have not been there for quite a while. I don't know the exact business, when I was in Milwaukee. I don't remember what day it was I was there.

"Q Do you know a man by the name of [redacted]
[redacted]

"A Never heard of him.

"Q Do you know a [redacted] or [redacted]
[redacted]

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"A No, sir.

"Q Do you know a [redacted]?

"A No, sir.

"Q Did you ever know a [redacted]?

"A No, sir.

"Q Did you ever know a [redacted]?

"A No, sir.

"Q You do not know any of these names that I have called off to you, and you do not know whether they visited you in Cleveland in the last six months?

"A No.

"Q It is a fact one of these names that I mentioned might have visited you in Cleveland?

"Does that refresh your recollection?

"A I don't know. I don't know anybody by the names you mentioned. I never heard of those names.

"See, I would not know. I had a lot of people visit me. See, I never heard of those names.

"MR. [REDACTED] I think you might as well -- wait.

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"Let me ask you this question so it is clear: The people who Mr. [REDACTED] just asked you about, to your knowledge, did you ever meet them; ever talk to them, have you ever seen them or have you ever had any dealings with them?

"THE WITNESS: I never heard those names, so I would not know.

"MR. [REDACTED] So the answer to that question is you never knew or dealt with them?

"THE WITNESS: No.

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"MR. [REDACTED] Or come in contact with any of those people?

"THE WITNESS: No.

"MR. [REDACTED] Did you ever, to your knowledge, have personal dealings as far as the E & A Sales is concerned with a company known as Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop?

"THE WITNESS: No, sir.

"MR. [REDACTED] Let me put it.
The question was: To your knowledge did you or
your partner or any person working for the
E & A Wholesale Sales or the E & A Sales
ever buy any merchandise from anybody whether
listed in this subpoena or not listed in this
subpoena which you now know of or later
learned came from Scanlon's Radio & Music
Company of Milwaukee?

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"THE WITNESS: No.

"MR. [REDACTED] Let me ask another
question: Do you know whether you, yourself
or any agent or person working for the E & A
Sales, to your knowledge, ever purchased any
merchandise which came from Scanlon's Radio
& Music Shop?

"THE WITNESS: No.

"MR. [REDACTED] Now, when the F.B.I.
questioned you about merchandise, which
they informed you had come from Scanlon's
Radio & Music Shop, did you attempt to
make a check to find out where you purchased
such merchandise?

"THE WITNESS: I purchased the merchandise
from Rich Mor Sales. As far as I knew it
was Rich Mor Sales.

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"MR. [REDACTED] In other words, in
your dealings with Rich Mor Sales you had
never heard of Scanlon's Radio and Music
Shop until the F.B.I. came in later and they
asked you about this, and you checked all
the merchandise you had purchased from
Mr. SHUBOW of the Rich Mor Sales.

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"THE WITNESS: Yes.

"MR. [REDACTED] To your knowledge,
your dealings were directly with him, and
you went on the assumption that it was his
merchandise that you were purchasing?

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"THE WITNESS: Yes, sir."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDATE February 4, 1959

[redacted]
The Will-Burt Company, PO Box 906, Orrville, Ohio, advised that his original introduction to the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop, 707 Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was brought about by an inquiry received by him [redacted] through the mail, sometime in the late summer of 1958. He said inquiry by Scanlon Radio & Music Shop was directed to the Versa-Vice, a product of the company, which is a home-type vise for workshops recently perfected and nationally advertised in national consumer magazines. He said he feels certain that the inquiry was instigated by the advertisements.

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[redacted] said he followed up the inquiry by sending a catalogue, descriptive data and prices to Scanlon Radio & Music Shop, which is the normal procedure followed after the receipt of any new inquiry.

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A short time later, [redacted] said, he received an order from Scanlon Radio & Music Shop dated September 3, 1958, which called for 24 Versa-Vices @ \$9.30 each; 12 Extra Standard Base @ \$1.13 each; 12 Flush Bases @ \$2.60 each; and 12 Right Angle Adapters @ \$1.93 each. He said the total value of the order was \$291.12.

After the order was received, [redacted] checked the current issue on hand of Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc., which reflected that Scanlon Radio and Music Shop had a rating of E 2½ or 3, he could not remember which. He said the D & B Reference Book disclosed that the Estimated Financial Strength of Scanlon Radio was \$20,000 to \$35,000 and the Composite Credit Appraisal was Fair, as derived from the code figures mentioned above. Based on the D & B appraisal, he said he did not hesitate to send the order or to extend credit. He said the order was shipped on September 19, 1958, by Motor Cargo, Inc., under Will-Burt Invoice Number D-35544.

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on 1-29-59 at Orrville, Ohio Dictated: 1-30-59

by Special Agent VINCENT R. NAPOLI/etc - tmr

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[redacted] further advised that a second order was received from Scanlon Radio & Music Shop on September 30, 1958, calling for 24 Versa-Vices @ \$9.30 each, or a total of \$223.20. He said this shipment was made on October 1, 1958, as the order was marked "RUSH", and was shipped again by Motor Cargo, Inc., under Will-Burt Invoice Number D-35961.

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Certified copies of both Will-Burt Invoices and Motor Cargo, Inc. Bills of Lading covering both shipments were furnished by [redacted]

Continuing, [redacted] informed that sometime after the second order was shipped he received a letter from the Postal Inspector's Office of Chicago, Illinois, which in effect stated that if the Will-Burt Company had experienced any difficulty with [redacted] dba Scanlon Radio & Music Shop, 707 Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he would appreciate copies being sent to him of orders and shipping documents, etc., which pertained to the account. [redacted] said this request was honored.

[redacted] also advised that still later he received a notice from the bankruptcy court of Detroit, Michigan, which announced that [redacted] dba Scanlon Radio & Music Shop, same address as above, had been declared bankrupt.

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In view of this information, the Will-Burt Company decided to refer the account to their collection agency, named by [redacted] as United Mercantile Agencies, United Building, Louisville 2, Kentucky, to investigate the matter in hopes of recovering some money or their merchandise from Scanlon's Radio & Music Shop. He explained that all of the original correspondence received from Scanlon Radio, along with the original orders and other pertinent correspondence, was sent to United Mercantile Agencies to aid in their investigation.

The only other correspondence [redacted] could make available was a certified copy of a letter sent by the Will-Burt Company to Scanlon Radio dated October 31, 1958, advising that their account was overdue and requesting payment. He said this letter was sent over the signature

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of [redacted] of the Company.

[redacted] advised that should the originals of the documents he furnished be needed for testimony, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

DATE: February 20, 1959

Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Cleveland, advised he was employed by the E & A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, for a period of approximately [redacted] was questioned as to his knowledge of shipments received by the E & A Sales Company which originated at Scanlon's Radio and Music Company, 707 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement at this time:

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"Cleveland, Ohio
February 10, 1959

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to [redacted] [redacted] and EBER PATTERSON who have identified themselves to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised I do not have to make a statement and any statement I do make can be used against me in a court of law. No duress, or threats or promises were made to me to make me give this statement. I have been told I have a right to have an attorney.

"I am [redacted] years old and was born [redacted]
[redacted] I am presently living at
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, [redacted]

"During [redacted] I was hired by EDDIE WIGODSKI, E & A Sales Co., 7010 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, as [redacted] I was to receive [redacted] per week. I was

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on 2-10-59 at Cleveland, Ohio Dictated: 2-16-59
by Special Agent [redacted] /tmr

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"continuously employed at the E & A Sales Co. until [redacted] when I was discharged by IRVING LICHTERMAN.

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"During September, 1958, the E & A Sales Co. received approximately eighteen trailer loads of merchandise from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin. I know the merchandise from the trailers came from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee [redacted]

[redacted] told me it was from Scanlon's Radio & Music, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This merchandise was washing machines, radios, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, baby furniture, power lawn mowers, trampolines, fans, air conditioners, toys (2 or 3 trailerloads), popcorn poppers, hot plates, table tennis tables, table tennis equipment, golf bags, golf clubs, golf carts, aluminum ware, dishes, silverware, watches, cooler chests and food choppers. These trailer trucks were unloaded at E & A Sales Co. over a period of approximately one month and sometimes as many as three (3) trailers were unloaded in one day. I do not remember the names of the truck drivers and do not know the name of the trucking companies which delivered this merchandise.

"The above merchandise was brought to the E & A Sales Co., 7010 Euclid, and was stored in the vacant store next to E & A Sales Co. at 7002 Euclid Ave., which is now occupied by the Community Discount Furniture Co. After the above 18 trailers were unloaded there was no room left for any merchandise to be stored at this store and at least one trailer load of merchandise was taken to [redacted] East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, on the orders of IRVING LICHTERMAN. [redacted] this trailer arrived at E & A Sales Co. [redacted] heard IRVING LICHTERMAN tell the truck driver to take his load to Columbus to the above address.

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"Approximately one (1) week after all the merchandise was received, E & A Sales Co. hired approximately twelve (12) colored men to move the merchandise to a warehouse at East 65th and Euclid Ave., Cleveland. The merchandise was stored in this warehouse on the first floor and the basement. I do not know the address of this warehouse but it is located on the north side of Euclid Ave. approximately in the middle of the block between East 65th St. and East 66th St. It is a brick building with a white front.

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[redacted] While the merchandise was stored in this warehouse a man by the name of [redacted]
[redacted], Cleveland, bought approximately \$5,000.00 of the merchandise. This merchandise was not delivered to [redacted] because the E & A Sales Co. learned he could not pay for it and would therefore not deliver the merchandise to him. The merchandise was moved to this warehouse in trucks rented from the Hertz Rent-A-Truck Corporation.

"While the merchandise was stored at 7002 Euclid Ave., before being moved to the warehouse at East 65th and Euclid Ave., two (2) or three (3) trailer loads of merchandise was sold to an individual named [redacted] and another individual unknown to me. I believe the merchandise was taken from storage at 7002 Euclid Ave. by the Lyons Transportation Co., Cleveland. I do not know where [redacted] is from and I do not know where the merchandise was delivered.

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"Approximately two (2) weeks after the merchandise was stored in the warehouse in the vicinity of East 65th and Euclid Ave., it was taken from the warehouse and moved to the storage space at E & A Sales Co., 7010 Euclid Avenue. E & A Sales Co. had hired approximately four (4) colored men to help move this merchandise to the store. I do not know the names of any of these individuals.

"After storing the merchandise at E & A Sales Co., the E & A Sales Co. held a sale in October, 1958 during which they stayed open twenty-four (24) hours a day. This sale lasted for one week. Most of the merchandise was sold during this sale and the amount which wasn't sold was taken to a warehouse in the vicinity of East 7th and Carnegie Ave. Merchandise which was not purchased from Scanlon's Radio & Music Shop was also stored at this warehouse.

"On or about January 1, 1959, the merchandise stored at the warehouse in the vicinity of East 7th and Carnegie Ave. was taken from this warehouse and was put in the storage space at E & A Sales Co. This merchandise is presently stored at the E & A Sales Co.



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"I do not know the names of the truck drivers who brought the merchandise to E & A Sales Co. from Milwaukee. The truck drivers were both colored and white males and sometimes they had a helper with them and other times they did not have helpers.

"I did not know the above merchandise was obtained by the E & A Sales Co. by methods other than outright purchases.

"When this merchandise was received at the E & A Sales Co. the shipping invoices and shipping labels were removed from the cartons before they were put into storage in the store at 7002 Euclid Ave.
EDDIE WITGODSKY and IRVING LICHTERMAN [redacted]

[redacted]
made a list of all the merchandise as it was being unloaded from the trailers and gave these lists to Mr. LICHTERMAN. The shipping labels and shipping invoices removed from the cartons were torn up and discarded with the other waste from the E & A Sales Co.

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Approximately one week after Christmas, on a Sunday, [redacted] in the storage area of the E & A Sales Co. [redacted] saw IRVING LICHTERMAN put the lists, which [redacted] made of the merchandise as it was received, in a cardboard carton and he took the carton into the alley immediately behind the E & A Sales Co. and burned it and came back later to check the box and left the ashes in the alley.

"I was helped by [redacted] and [redacted] in unloading the trailers. I was also helped by several other individuals but I do not remember their names.

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"I have never made any trips to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the purpose of picking up Merchandise for the E & A Sales Co. Furthermore, I have never been in Milwaukee. I do not know [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

"This statement of seven handwritten pages was read aloud to me by Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] and it is true and correct.

"s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses:

"EBER PATTERSON, Special Agent, F.B.I., Cleveland, Ohio
2-10-59

"[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I., Cleveland,
Ohio, 2-10-59"

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In addition to the above information, [redacted]
advised an individual known to him only as [redacted]
[redacted] Columbus, Ohio, is supposedly
a close friend and associate of EDDIE WIGODSKI. He
also stated two shipments were to be received on a
Sunday, the day after the above-mentioned shipment was
directed to Columbus, Ohio. He stated he was of the
opinion these two loads of merchandise were also taken
to Columbus, Ohio, for storage.

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[redacted] of the Quinn Craft Products, Quincy, Kansas,
dated August 28, 1958, on which the Scanlon's Radio and
Music Shop, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, is listed as the consignee. This invoice
sets forth 144 Atom Pop Corn Poppers were shipped to
Scanlon's via the Santa Fe on August 28, 1958.

The following description was obtained
through observation and interrogation:

Name:
Sex:
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Date of
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Height:
Weight:
Build:
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Scars:
Education:
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Status:
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On February 9, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Gullia Inc., Keith Building, Cleveland, advised the records of the rental at 7813 Euclid Avenue were unavailable at that time. He requested he be contacted at a later date for information pertaining to the above rental.

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On February 10, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Lyons Transportation Company, advised the records of his company for the months of August, September, and October, failed to reflect any information pertaining to shipments made by his company originating at the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue.

On February 11, 1959, Mr. [redacted] E. A. Schlairet Transportation Company, East 36th and Lakeside, advised the records of his company for the months of August, September, and October, 1958, failed to reflect any information pertaining to shipments originated at the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, which were handled by his company.

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On February 11, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Hackett's Bar, 14300 Turney Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, advised [redacted] was out of Cleveland, location unknown.

Mr. [redacted] Ohio, advised [redacted] went to Kentucky and his expected return is approximately 2-15-59.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: 2/20/59

(Date dictated: 2/16/59)

FROM : SA [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] The information obtained from these records can be obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed to [redacted]

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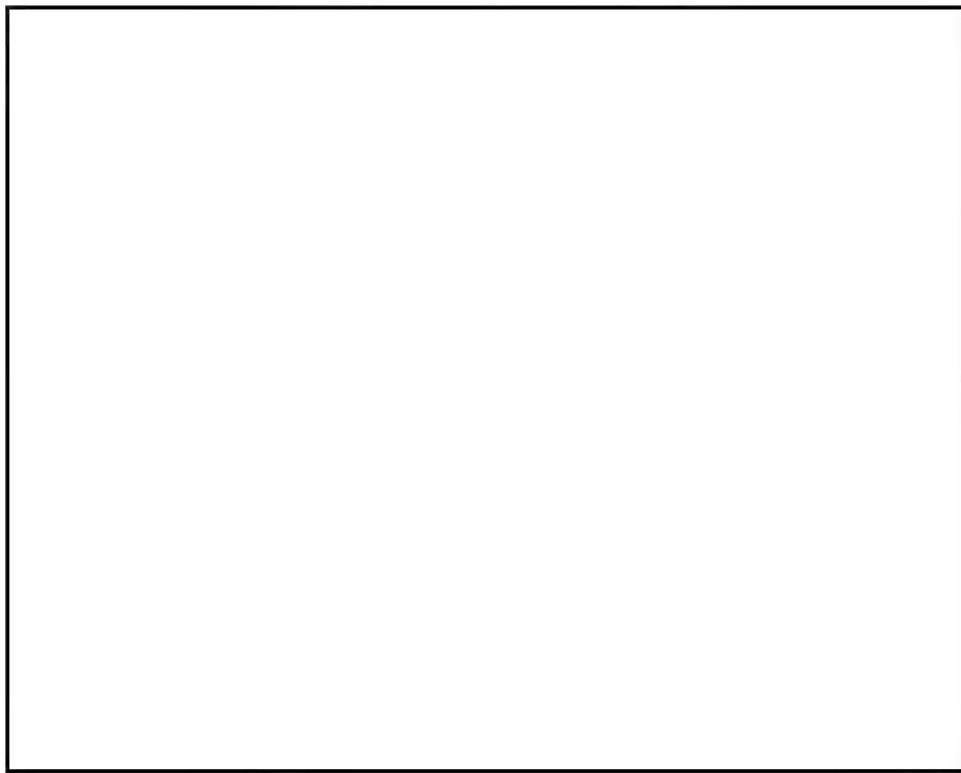
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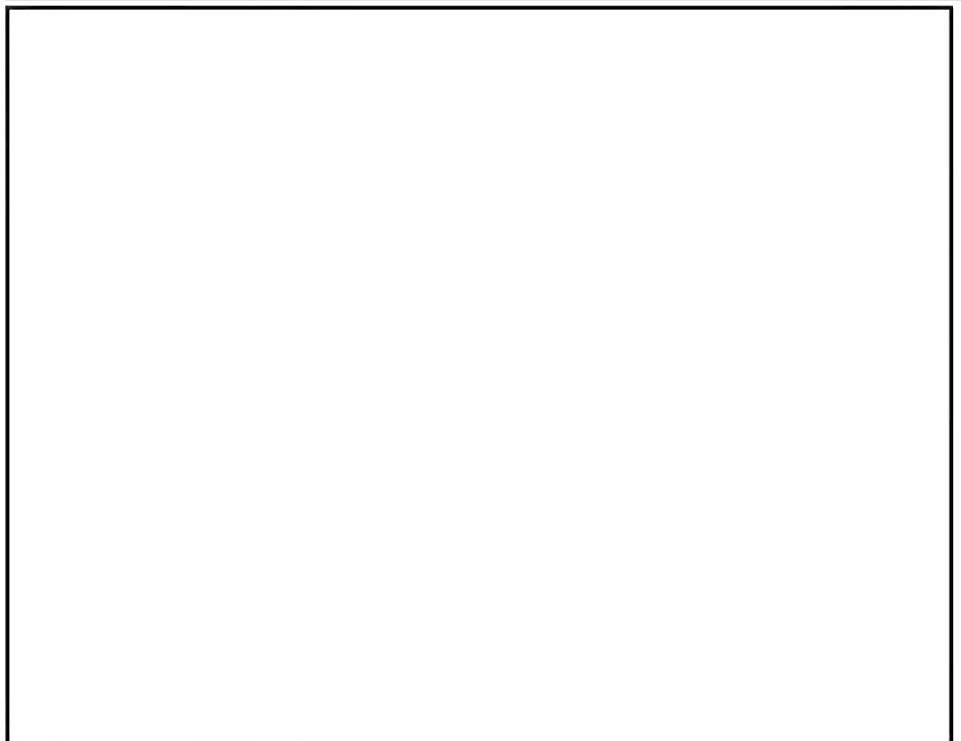
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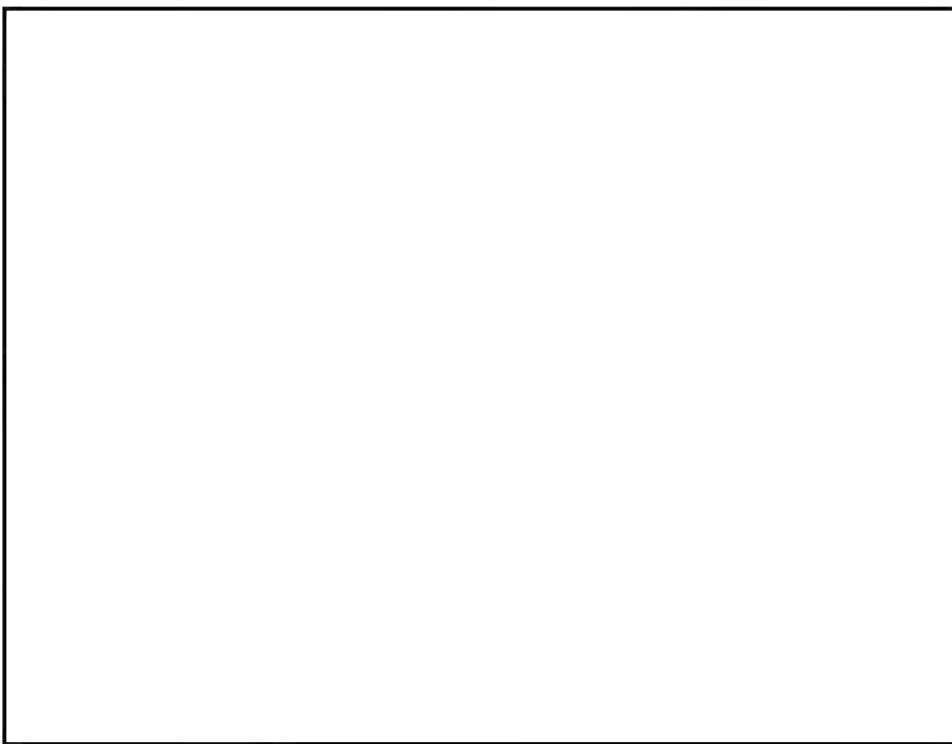


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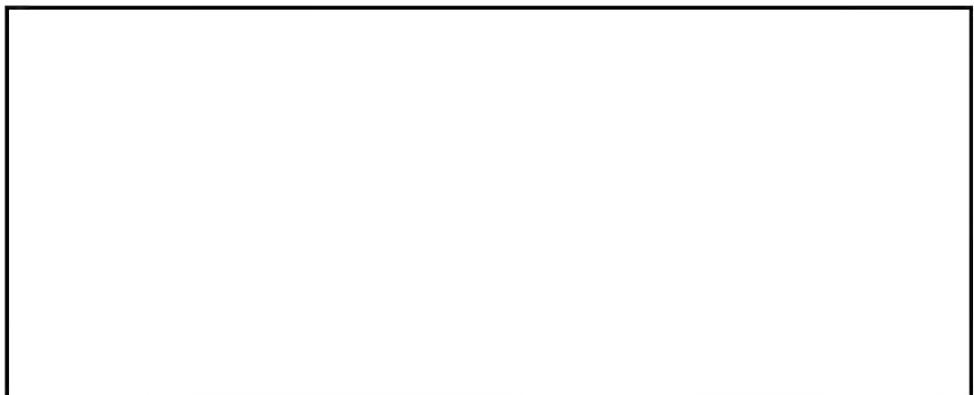


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On February 12, 1959, Mrs. [REDACTED] Ohio, advised her husband [REDACTED] is presently employed by [REDACTED] Cleveland.

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On February 12, 1959, [REDACTED] Ohio, telephone [REDACTED] refused to be re-interviewed. Attempt was made to interview [REDACTED] at his place of employment, [REDACTED]

On February 12, 1959, [REDACTED] Metropolitan Management, 2014 East 9th Street, advised the vacant warehouse located at 6603 Euclid Avenue, has been vacant since June, 1958. He stated the first floor and basement of this building at the above address had been vacant during this time and stated that he personally visited this building on several occasions during the above period and observed that there were no occupants using this vacant space.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: February 24, 1959
Dictated: 2-18-59

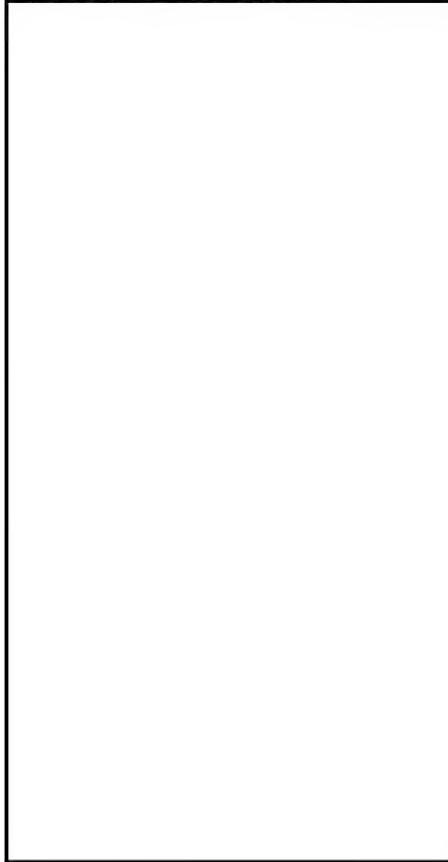
FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;

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On February 16, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Attorney for Trustee of instant case, furnished list of employees of E & A Sales Company for the year 1958. [redacted] advised this list was furnished by IRVING LICHTERMAN during 21-A hearing held on instant case on January 26, 1959, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division:

EDWARD WIGODSKI
IRVING LICHTERMANb6
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate February 23, 1959

Mr. [redacted] Central Rubber and Steel Corporation, Findlay, Ohio, advised that the billing and statement for the purpose of sales of washing machines is made under the name Woman's Friend Washers.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that the name Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop appears in the file on a letter dated August 15, 1958, signed [redacted] and this letter thanked the Woman's Friend Washers for literature and requested a price list. A copy of this letter was furnished by Mr. [redacted]

This letter was referred to Mr. [redacted] for credit approval on August 19, 1958. As a standard procedure Mr. [redacted] referred to the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book, No. 2, dated July 1958, page 4372. This book is maintained at the office of Central Rubber and Steel Corporation. He ascertained from this book that Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was carried as an "E2" credit. The estimated financial strength of this rating was between twenty and thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. [redacted] made a notation on the letter from Scanlon's of the "E2" rating and approved the concern for credit.

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In the file is a letter signed by [redacted] of the Sales Department of Central Rubber and Steel, dated August 20, 1958, and this letter enclosed a copy of the FOB Milwaukee price list to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop and stated the name of the Woman's Friend Washers representative,

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on 2/19/59 at Findlay, Ohio Dictated 2/20/59
by Special Agent [redacted] /etc

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Mr. [redacted] A copy of this letter was furnished
by Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] advised that three orders had been placed for washers by the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In connection with the first order, there is in the file at the Central Rubber and Steel Company a written order form on the Woman's Friend Washers signed by [redacted] and dated August 26, 1958. Attached to this, on the stationery of the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop, is a Purchase Order #A1562 dated August 26, 1958, showing an order for four 58SRPT washing machines, colors white, yellow, rose and pink. Attached to this is the number two copy of a local delivery order with the name Hansen Storage Company, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin, dated August 27, 1958, showing the consignee as Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop. Listed as shipped is the following:

- 1 58SRPT washer, rose, SN 226410
- 1 58SRPT washer, white, SN 241739
- 1 58SRPT washer, pink, SN 241704

Attached to this form are slips with the Serial Numbers as above. This order was delivered by Daily & Son, Carriers, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Attached to the above is the file copy of Invoice No. 137406 of the Woman's Friend Washers dated August 27, 1958 for Customer Order #A1562. The invoice bills Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 707 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, and the place to be shipped is shown as Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 8104 W. National Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin. The items billed to the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop are three 58SRPT Woman's Friend washers at \$100.10 each, for a total of \$300.30, less a \$3.00 quantity allowance, for a net bill of \$297.30. This invoice is the only document originating at Findlay, Ohio. Copies of the above four documents were furnished by Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] explained that Hansen Storage Co. is a public warehouse utilized by the Central Rubber and Steel Corporation for the storage of washers which then can be distributed to companies in the immediate area in Wisconsin.

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Mr. [redacted] explained that if an account carries a credit rating with Dun & Bradstreet of F3 or better it is entitled to pick up the merchandise at the warehouse without further credit check by the Central Rubber and Steel Corporation.

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He also explained that the yellow washing machine could not be shipped as it was not in stock at Hansen's.

As to shipment number two, Mr. [redacted] advised that there is on file at the Central Rubber and Steel Corporation, Findlay, Ohio, a Woman's Friend Purchase Order dated August 29, 1958, carrying the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop Purchase Order # A1562, prepared by [redacted] for shipment to Scanlon of seven 58SRPT Woman's Friend washers--two white, two yellow, one pink, one turquoise, and one rose--at \$99.10 each. Attached to this is the Hansen Storage Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Delivery Order #3769, dated 9/8/58, showing shipment to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 8104 W. National Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of seven washers--2 yellow, Serial Numbers 250348 and 250351; 2 white, Serial Numbers 250342 and 244290; 1 pink, Serial Number 250360; 1 rose, Serial Number 250391; and 1 turquoise, Serial Number 250369.

Attached to this is a copy of Invoice #138240, dated September 10, 1958, referring to Customer's Order #A1562, from the Woman's Friend Washers, Findlay, Ohio, to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop for the above washers with the total amount of \$693.70.

Mr. [redacted] furnished copies of the above three documents relating to shipment number two,

Mr. [redacted] stated that Invoice #13948, dated September 26, 1958, from the Woman's Friend Washers, Findlay, Ohio, to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop is for a 200 Line Folder for Advertising and this was billed at \$3.00.

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With reference to shipment number three, Mr. [redacted] advised that in the files is a Woman's Friend Washers Order form dated September 27, 1958 carrying Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop Order #A1638 and this is signed by [redacted] for sale to Scanlon's of ten 58SRPT Woman's Friend washers at \$99.10 each.

Attached to this is Scanlon's Order Form #A1638, dated September 29, 1958, signed [redacted] to Woman's Friend Washers for the above washers.

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Attached to this is the Hansen Storage Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, local delivery order #5775, dated September 29, 1958, to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for ten 58SRPT Woman's Friend washers, as follows:

- 2 rose, Serial Numbers 250387 and 250388;
- 2 white, Serial Numbers 250340 and 250343;
- 3 yellow, Serial Numbers 250345, 250355, and 250356;
- 3 turquoise, Serial Numbers 250364, 250366, and 250375.

Attached to this is the invoice from Woman's Friend Washers Number 139106, dated September 29, 1958, referring to Scanlon's Order #A1638 and billing Scanlon's for the above washers, with a total amount of \$991.00.

Mr. [redacted] stated that while in Cleveland at the Cadillac Furniture Company in about September of 1958 he had overheard a conversation between several unknown individuals and understood from this conversation that they had purchased Woman's Friend washers out of town cheaper than FOB Cleveland. He gathered they were from the Community Discount Furniture Company, Cleveland, Ohio. He requested Mr. [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, representative of Woman's Friend Washers in Cleveland, to check the serial numbers of the washers at the Community Discount house. Mr. [redacted] received these serial numbers and checked them against various invoices, determining that these washers had been shipped to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, via the Hansen Storage Company. Mr. [redacted] could not locate his notes concerning these serial numbers as furnished by Mr. [redacted]

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In October, 1958, Mr. [redacted] tried unsuccessfully to call the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop in Milwaukee.

He then called Dun & Bradstreet on about October 17, 1958, and was told that over nine hundred inquiries had been received concerning Scanlon's in September of 1958. He then requested a Dun & Bradstreet report, which was received in October, 1958. Supplements to this report indicated to Mr. [redacted] the filing of a petition for involuntary bankruptcy by creditors of Scanlon's; this was filed in the U. S. District Court in Wisconsin.

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Mr. [redacted] talked to Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] and obtained the name of [redacted] Attorney in Cleveland. From Mr. [redacted] he received the name E & A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, as a place where possibly six or seven of the Woman's Friend washers had been located or sold.

By letter dated November 14, 1958, Mr. [redacted] contacted the E & A Sales Company with reference to the six washing machines. By letter dated November 21, 1958 the E & A Sales Company of Cleveland advised that these six washers had been purchased through the Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, Michigan, and were fully paid for and had been sold. Copies of the above letters were furnished by Mr. [redacted]

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Copies of the Dun & Bradstreet report were furnished by Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had received no financial statement from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop but had relied on the rating as furnished in the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book in the office of the Central Rubber & Steel Corporation.

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Efforts to contact [redacted] on February 20, 1959, met with negative results.

On February 20, 1959, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] advised her [redacted] has moved from this address and she was unable to furnish his present address. [redacted] stated her telephone number is [redacted]. She stated BOB WILLIAMS is [redacted] of her [redacted] [redacted] and WILLIAMS has on several occasions visited [redacted] while he was residing at the above address.

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On February 20, 1959, Mr. [redacted] [redacted] advised RUSHUS WILLIAMS, who is also known as BOB WILLIAMS, is unknown to him. He stated he does not know any truck drivers from Chicago, Illinois, and has had no association with anybody named BOB WILLIAMS in the past.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: March 5, 1959

(Date dictated: February 27, 1959)

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
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RUSHUS WILLIAMS, aka BOB WILLIAMS, was located and interviewed on February 29, 1959, at George's Truck Stop, 2901 Mayflower, Cleveland, by SA [redacted]

WILLIAMS stated that during September, 1958, he heard from an unknown individual at a truck stop at East 62nd and State, Chicago, that he could get a few loads out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop. He stated he was then furnished with the address of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at that time in an effort to obtain a load.

He stated when he arrived at West Allis, Wisconsin, he made agreements to haul merchandise from that location to the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAMS stated that he brought approximately ten loads of merchandise from the above mentioned location to the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, during the month of September, 1958. He stated a man by the name of IRVING (LNU) paid him the freight due on each shipment which he brought to Cleveland. He advised he was unable to furnish the names of the individuals who unloaded the merchandise on arrival at the E and A Sales Company, but indicated there were approximately four or five white and colored males who aided in unloading the shipments.

He indicated when he first hauled merchandise to Cleveland, the merchandise was delivered at the rear entrance of 7010 Euclid Avenue and when this location was filled the wall between 7010 and 7002 Euclid Avenue was knocked out and the merchandise on arrival was subsequently transferred into the vacant store at 7002 Euclid Avenue after being unloaded at the rear door of 7010 Euclid Avenue.

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WILLIAMS stated on the majority of trips which were brought to Cleveland, he obtained a load at the Harwood Trucking Company, Cleveland, for return trip to Chicago and then deadheaded to Wisconsin where he got another load from Scanlon's and returned to the E and A Sales Company, Cleveland.

WILLIAMS indicated he hauled merchandise from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, West Allis, Wisconsin, to the E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, for a period of approximately one month. He stated the average round trip between West Allis, Wisconsin, and Cleveland, Ohio, via Chicago, Illinois, would take approximately three days and he is, therefore, of the opinion that he averaged approximately two or three loads per week.

WILLIAMS stated that he had stayed at the Majestic Hotel, East 55th Street, Cleveland, during the time spent in Cleveland when the above shipments were brought to the E and A Sales Company. He also advised that, to the best of his recollection, he remembers spending a few nights sleeping in his truck parked at George's Truck Stop and on these occasions did not register at the Majestic Hotel, East 55th Street, Cleveland.

WILLIAMS said that the tractor used to make these shipments is owned by him and is a yellow and black Mack diesel and an aluminum trailer. He stated "Scanlon's Whse Pvt. Carrier, Milwaukee, Wisconsin" was printed on the side of both the tractor and trailer.

It is to be noted the diesel owned by WILLIAMS presently has the following sign taped on the side of the yellow cab: "Motor Dispatch, Inc., Chicago, Illinois".

WILLIAMS advised he desired to have this interview terminated at this time as he was in the midst of obtaining a shipment to Chicago. Arrangements were made at this time for WILLIAMS to appear at the Cleveland Office on February 21, 1959.

The following description was obtained through observation and interrogation:

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Name:	RUSHUS WILLIAMS, aka BOB WILLIAMS
Residence:	5936 Indiana Chicago, Illinois
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	December 5, 1921
Place of Birth:	Montgomery, Alabama
Height:;	5'11"
Weight:	165 pounds
Complexion:	Dark
Build:	Medium
Military Service:	United States Army Service Number: 34 75 46 68 June, 1942, through December, 1945; Honorable Discharge

On February 21, 1959, WILLIAMS appeared at the Cleveland Office and was interviewed by SA [redacted]
[redacted] At this time WILLIAMS furnished the following additional information pertaining to his association with members of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, West Allis, Wisconsin, and the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

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He said he proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the early part of September, 1958, to the Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop to obtain a job to haul merchandise to Cleveland. He advised the individual with whom he dealt at Scanlon's is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	[redacted]
Weight:	[redacted]
Hair:	[redacted]
Complexion:	Light
Clothing:	Wearing sportshirt and trousers

He stated arrangements were made by this individual with him to haul the merchandise from Scanlon's to Cleveland.

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He stated the trailers were loaded by help at Scanlon's and he did not assist in any way in loading the trailers. He advised he does not know the names of the individuals who loaded the trailers and indicated that there were four or five white and colored males who were present at the time the shipments were loaded. He stated the trailers were loaded and sealed and an envelope was given to him at that time which was to be given to the officials of the E and A Sales Company on arrival at the E and A Sales Company at Cleveland, Ohio. He stated he assumed this envelope which was given to him contained shipping invoices for the merchandise which he was hauling but stated he did not open the envelope to definitely ascertain if they were invoices.

WILLIAMS advised the shipments which were brought to Cleveland were not weighed at any time with the exception of having been weighed upon entering the West Gate of the Ohio Turnpike.

WILLIAMS stated he received \$150.00 from the above described individual for each load he took to Cleveland. He stated the freight charges for the shipments brought to Cleveland were paid to him by an individual by the name of IRVING (LNU).

A photograph of IRVING LICHTERMAN was displayed to WILLIAMS at this time and he definitely identified the photograph of LICHTERMAN as being the individual who paid him for the freight charges on shipments made to the E and A Sales Company.

A photograph of DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI was displayed to WILLIAMS and was definitely identified by him as an individual whom he had seen at the E and A Sales Company. He stated he assumed WIGODSKI was an employee of the E and A Sales Company inasmuch as this individual was seen by him in both the storage area and the office of the E and A Sales Company.

Photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] were displayed to WILLIAMS and he was unable to identify the photographs of the above three individuals.

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WILLIAMS was also shown a photograph of three couples and identified the individual in the upper left hand corner as being identical with the individual with whom he made arrangements to haul the merchandise from Scanlon's to the E and A Sales Company, Cleveland.

WILLIAMS advised he has no records or papers in his possession pertaining to the shipments made to the E and A Sales Company from Scanlon's and could not definitely state the number of shipments made from Scanlon's to the E and A Sales Company. WILLIAMS advised an individual called [redacted] checked the merchandise from his trailer on each occasion at the E and A Sales Company. He described this individual as white, male, [redacted] years old, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] in height, light complexion and indicated he could definitely identify this individual if he should see him in the future. He also stated that [redacted] was assisted by four or five colored and white males in unloading the truck. WILLIAMS stated he was present when the shipments were unloaded, however, he cannot remember seeing the names or description of the merchandise on the cartons which were taken from the trailer. He stated he observed the employees of E and A Sales Company on one occasion unloading skis and floormats as these items were not in cartons. WILLIAMS advised that [redacted] Cleveland, and [redacted] are his cousins and he has contacted them on several occasions while in Cleveland. WILLIAMS denied knowing or having any association with [redacted] Ohio.

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WILLIAMS advised he would not furnish the above information in the form of a signed statement but stated that he would be willing to testify to the above facts in a court of law.

Photographs of WILLIAMS were taken by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at this time and the interview was then terminated.

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On March 5, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Harwood Trucking Company, 1823 Columbus
Road, advised the records of his company reflect BOB
WILLIAMS of Chicago, Illinois, had taken shipments from
the Cleveland Terminal to Chicago for his company on the
following dates:

August 22, 1958
September 2, 1958
September 8, 1958
September 11, 1958

The above dates were obtained from the
company records for the period between August 1, 1958,
through October 31, 1958.

On March 5, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Merchants Freight System, 1110 Denison Avenue,
Cleveland, advised the individuals who previously ran
this company are presently associated with Motor Dispatch,
3050 Lakeside Avenue. He advised Mr. [REDACTED] formerly
associated with Merchants Freight System, presently with
Motor Dispatch, presently has in his possession all records
pertaining to the contracting of private carriers for making
trips for the Merchants Freight System.

On March 5, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Northern Ohio Food Terminal, 3800 Orange
Avenue, Cleveland, advised he has obtained hauling jobs
for BOB WILLIAMS in the past. [REDACTED] indicated that
he represents the following trucking companies in the
Cleveland area by obtaining brokers for return loads
and refers truck drivers only to these companies:

Merchants Freight System
Warner Transportation Company
Ramus Transportation Company
Motor Dispatch Company
Gateway Transportation Company

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He advised he keeps no records of the referrals he makes to the above-listed companies and could therefore furnish no further information pertaining to the shipments which he had referred to WILLIAMS in the past.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: March 12, 1959
Dictated: 3-6-59

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;
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On March 6, 1959, [redacted] entered the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and made inquiry of the power lawn mowers and Emerson Air Conditioners which were advertised in the "Cleveland News" on March 5, 1959. SA [redacted] did not identify himself at this time as a Special Agent of the FBI.

While at the above store, the following merchandise was observed and identifying data was obtained in view of the fact that it might be of value and assistance in the investigation of this matter:

One (1) Turf-King Power Lawn Mower with three horse-power Clinton engine, SN 6801913.

One (1) Moz-All Power Lawn Mower with four cycle Briggs and Stratton engine, SN 27123.

Three (3) Emerson Air Conditioners were in the salesroom of the E and A Sales Company. These air conditioners appeared to be in the original cartons. One carton was opened by an unidentified salesman of the E and A Sales Company and this unit was a 3/4 ton model C 7 G 1. No further identifying data was obtained pertaining to this unit. No identifying data could be obtained for the remaining two units which were in the original cartons and no identifying data was observed on the outside of the cartons containing the air conditioners.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: March 19, 1959
Dictated: 3-16-59

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] aka

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On March 12, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Attorney for the Trustee in instant case, furnished the transcript of the 21-A hearing being held in Cleveland on instant matter, which was transcribed by HARRY HERMAN and Associates, 1836 Standard Building, Cleveland.

The following is a summary of the 21-A hearing as set forth in the above referenced transcript of hearings held on January 26, 1959, and February 12, 1959, at Cleveland, Ohio:

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Mr. [redacted] Attorney representing the Witness IRVING LICHTERMAN, produced the following records in response to the subpoena duces tecum previously issued, and the request of Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] at the hearing held on January 26, 1959:

Exhibit A List of employees of the E and A Sales Company, for the year 1958.

Exhibit B Photostat of original ledger sheet which is portion of Cash Disbursement Journal, starting date November 21, 1958, and concluding date January 11, 1959.

Exhibit C Photostat of original ledger sheet which is a portion of Cash Disbursement Journal, starting date October 1, 1958, ending date November 14, 1958.

Exhibit D Photostat of E and A Sales Company, check number 978, which is payable to the order of IRVING LICHTERMAN in the amount of \$1,500.00 dated October 15, 1958, and signed by EDWARD WIGODSKI and

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IRVING LICHTERMAN. This check was drawn on the Capital Bank of Cleveland and the endorsement of IRVING LICHTERMAN appears thereon and "Pay to the order of the Michigan Bank, Detroit, Michigan, Rich Mor Sales Distributing Company" is stamped on the back of the above check under the endorsement of LICHTERMAN.

Exhibit E

Photostat of E and A Sales Company check number 986, dated October 15, 1958, payable to EDDIE WIGODSKI in the amount of \$1,500.00 drawn on the Capital Bank of Cleveland, signed EDWARD WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN. The endorsement appearing on the back of this check reflects the signature of EDWARD WIGODSKI and "Pay to the order of Michigan Bank, Detroit, Michigan, Rich Mor Sales Distributing Company, Inc." is stamped on the back of this check under the endorsement of WIGODSKI.

Exhibit F

A photostat of a letter dated January 17, 1959, addressed to Mr. [redacted] [redacted] 721 Superior Building, Cleveland, on stationery of Rich Mor Sales and Distributing Company, Inc., signed JACK SHUBOW.

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[redacted] Upon review of the above records by SA [redacted]
[redacted] which were submitted by Attorney [redacted] the following information was obtained:

Exhibit B

Headed October, 1958, under column headed "E.W. Loan Pay", column number 11 indicates a total of \$15,219.26 on line 37. No entries are included in this exhibit explaining the above total.

Under column headed "I.L. Loan Pay", column 14, line 17, through and including line 23, shows entry of \$1,500.00. Line 24 contains entry of \$4,500.00 with a total of \$15,000.00 shown on line 37.

Exhibit C

Headed October, 1958, under columns headed "Bank", column one, and "E.W. Loan Pay", column number 11, indicates a total of \$15,219.26 on line 37 of column number 11. This exhibit also sets forth entries on lines 25 through 31 inclusive of \$1,500.00 and \$4,500.00 on line 32 in columns one and eleven. The above entries are dated starting on line 31, October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, and 26 and December 3, respectively and the entries are classified "EDDIE WIGODSKI". Line 25 sets forth notation, "(See journal entry end of month - charging Pur and Cr E.W.)". Lines 26 through 32 inclusive bear notation "Void These Checks". Lines 17 through 23 inclusive in column number one, headed "Bank" sets forth entry of \$1,500.00 and line 24 sets forth entry of \$4,500.00. These entries are classified IRVING LICHTERMAN and are dated October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3, respectively. The notation "(See journal entry end of month - charging Pur and Cr I.L.)" appears on line 17. Line 18 through end including line 24 is marked,

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"Void These Checks".

Exhibit D

Photostat of E and A Sales Company check number 978 dated October 15, 1958, payable to IRVING LICHTERMAN in the amount of \$1500.00 signed EDWARD WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN. This check displays endorsement of IRVING LICHTERMAN and is stamped "Pay to the order of the Michigan Bank, Detroit, Michigan, Rich Mor Sales Distributing Company, Inc." and under the stamp appears the number "2-1182". Cancellation date of the above check is October 16, 1958.

Exhibit E

Photostat of E and A Sales Company check number 986 dated October 15, 1958, payable to EDDIE WIGODSKI in the amount of \$1,500.00 and signed EDWARD WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN. This check bears endorsement of EDWARD WIGODSKI and is stamped "Pay to the order of the Michigan Bank, Detroit, Michigan, Rich Mor Sales Distributing Company, Inc."

Exhibit F

Was read by Mr. [redacted] and the b6
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matter of record. This letter,
addressed to Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] 721 Superior Building,
Cleveland 14, Ohio, sets forth
the following information:

RE: E & A Sales, IRVING LICHTERMAN

"Dear Sir:

"Both Rich-Mor Sales and GENE GILLIS, Sales Manager of Empire-Amerex Corp. in Chicago, know of distress merchandise, that we were to sell on a commission basis for [redacted] whom we understood to be an agent for this distress merchandise.

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"Mr. GILLIS called Mr. LICHTERMAN and told him to contact Rich-Mor Sales about this merchandise, and an agreement was reached whereby Mr. LICHTERMAN would purchase same. Rich-Mor Sales advised Mr. GILLIS of Mr. LICHTERMAN's intent to purchase. I heard nothing more until a few days later four postdated checks of \$1500.00 each, totaling \$6000.00 were received by me from Mr. GILLIS, who told me to deposit these checks at the rate of \$3000.00 weekly. On October 20 our bank established by a long distance call to Cleveland that the two checks first deposited had been made good. We then paid these \$3000.00 to Mr. [redacted]. A few days later the second \$3000.00 were returned to us marked "Payment Stopped", and Mr. LICHTERMAN told us, that he had never received merchandise for same.

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"The above statement covers our dealings with Mr. LICHTERMAN in this matter.

"Very truly yours,

Rich-Mor Sales & Dist. Co.

s/ JACK SHUBOW
JACK SHUBOW"

EXAMINATION OF IRVING LICHTERMAN

"BY MR. [REDACTED]

"Q Referring to the checks that are marked Exhibits D and E, do you know why the checks are made out personally to you and Mr. WIGODSKI, and why they were not make out directly to the company?

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"A Well, the company owed us money.

"MR. [REDACTED] Wait a minute.

"I asked Mr. GILLIS the same question on the telephone . He told me that that was the way they wanted it to have the checks made so that they could be held personally liable if the checks were not good.

"He says the E & A do not want to pay for merchandise they do not receive, and then on the other hand, in their dealings here, [REDACTED] didn't want to ship it. He did not know whether he could rely on E & A to pay it.

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"He wanted to be assured the checks would be good.

"Thereafter he was in Cleveland on another visit and got \$6,000 worth of postdated checks from them which were given to GILLIS, which were postdated, I assume, for the purpose of each protecting the other; and that they would be permitted to stop payment if they did not get merchandise which they thought was worth the money they were spending.

"I asked Mr. GILLIS why the checks were made out like this. I was told he wanted to be able to have both the corporation and the individuals on the check.

"Q Is that what Mr. GILLIS told you when he was in Cleveland, when you gave him these checks, just to make them out to yourself and then endorse them for the same reason that Mr. GILLIS told Mr. [redacted] for the same reason?

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"A Yes. Told me to make out the checks to my name and endorse them.

"Q I know, but why did Mr. GILLIS tell you that?

"A Well, he wanted to hold me personally, me personally and my partner.

"Q Now, referring to Exhibits D and E, the checks, these were issued to you. Why was that done?

"A Well, this was why. The company owed us money. The company made out the check to me.

"Q What is the total amount of the seven checks, and what are the individual amounts?

"Mr. [redacted] Well, they are different amounts.

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"Q Well, there are six of \$1500 each, which is \$9,000; and then one for \$4500.

"That is a total of \$13,500?

"A Yes; but this is the only checks used, those two checks, that is all.

"Q He only received check number --

"A This one right here (indicating).

"Q --978 and 979?

"Q Correct. I am just talking about the amounts in here.

"A 979. Only two checks they received. That has nothing to do with that.

"Q You did not deliver those to Mr. GILLIS?

"A No; those checks were not delivered to Mr. GILLIS.

"Q The other six checks?

"A No.

"Q They appear on this Exhibit C. They were listed in your name?

"A No.

"Q Have you still got those checks?

"A I misplaced them somewhere. I don't know. That has nothing to do with it. Those are the two checks I gave Mr. GILLIS.

"The checks they got, 978, 979.

"Q 979, that is the check you say you --

"A I gave --

"Q -- that you stopped payment on?

"A That is right.

"Q And the same happened to the check to Mr. WIGODSKI?

"A That is right.

"Q You are sure when they were originally issued they were not part of this transaction?

"A No. I misplaced the checks. I stopped the checks. The only deals I had with Mr. GILLIS were those two checks.

"Q Now, other than the information that is here now, with respect to any records that you have of any dealings with [redacted]
[redacted] or [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] Rich-Mor Sales; and are there any records that show any dealings at all in any of these items during October, November and December of 1958?

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"A I never dealt with those people outside of Rich-Mor.

"Q You are sure there are no other records that show whether you had any dealings with any of these names, except SHUBOW and Rich-Mor, that is what you have brought in?

"A That is right.

"Q This merchandise that you received from the result of this \$3,000 payment, you know what I mean?

"What I mean, what I am talking about is the Shubow transaction.

"Do you know how it came to you, was it by carrier or by truck?

"A Came, as far as I know, by truck. I don't know myself.

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(After further testimony in this matter
continuance had.)

"Hearing resumed on Wednesday, February
12, 1959, at 10:00 A.M., at the office
of [REDACTED] Esq., 7th Floor
Superior Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio,
and the following proceedings were had:

"PRESENT: [REDACTED] Esq.

[REDACTED] Esq.

[REDACTED] Exhibit G

is now identified for the first time
and is the accounts payable ledger
sheet of the E & A Sales Company pertaining
to Rich-Mor Sales; and the photostat of
the original is prepared and introduced.

"Exhibit H is a statement or invoice
of the E & A Sales to Community referred
to in the examination which was to be
produced and is now produced and now for
the first time identified and marked as
Exhibit H.

"MR. [REDACTED] The examination
of IRVING LICHTERMAN will be marked held
and concluded until the next time
it appears on the docket, with the under-
standing that if, as a result of this
information, and further instructions
from the Trustee, another examination
becomes desirable, either of the witnesses
already examined or other witnesses that
the Trustee will file application for
aforesaid examination."

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Examination of Exhibit G headed Rich-Mor Sales, 13114 Linwood Avenue, Detroit 38, Michigan, reflects the following entries appear thereon:

	<u>"Bal"</u>
"Feb. 6, 1958	7.50
March 27, 1958	6.00
May 6, 1958	110.00
Oct. 15, 1958	1500.00
Oct. 15, 1958	1500.00
	3123.50"

Exhibit H sets forth the sale of ten Woman's Friend Washers, amont \$800.00, to Community under the date of October 15, 1958.

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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: March 27, 1959
Dictated: 3-24-59

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;

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On March 18, 1959, an official of [redacted]
[redacted] furnished SA [redacted] with
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The above information can be obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be addressed to:



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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: March 16, 1959
Dictated: 3-12-59

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka;

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On March 12, 1959, Mr. [redacted] furnished photostatic copies of invoices received from the Baby Bathinette Corporation, Rochester, New York, and at Harrington and Richardson, Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts. All invoices set forth the consignee as Scanlon's Radio and Music, 707 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Invoice of the Baby Bathinette Corporation reflects the following merchandise was shipped to Scanlon's under order number 23584 - A-1353, dated August 14, 1958, on September 3, 1958:

"QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
6	#412 "BATHINETTES" P D	8.90	53.40	
6	" " MZ	"	53.40	
6	#124-GQ "BATHINETTES" PD	14.60	87.60	
6	" "	GR	"	87.60
6	" "	BL	"	87.60
6	" "	MZ	"	87.60
24	#150-GV IMPERIAL "BATHINETTES" PD	16.90	<u>405.60</u>	862.80"

Invoice number 86526 of Harrington and Richardson, Inc., 320 Park Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts, dated September 18, 1958, reflects the following items were shipped to Scanlon's under order number A 1697:

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAL-GA</u>	<u>QUAN.</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
"622 SOLID FRAME	22	2	21.52	43.04
14 STOPPER	20	2	23.49	46.98
				90.02*"

Invoice number 86810 dated September 12, 1958, of HARRINGTON and RICHARDSON, Inc., reflects the following items were shipped to Scanlon's under order number A 1697:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAL-GA</u>	<u>QUAN.</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
"B31 HUNTSMAN	12	2	31.31	62.62
929 SIDE KICK 2	22	1	30.76	30.76
929 SIDE KICK 2	22	1	30.76	30.76
939 ULTRA S KIC	22	2	37.46	74.92
148 TOPPER	16	2	23.49	46.98
				246.04*"

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On March 20, 1959, Mr. [redacted] United States Marshal, Cleveland, advised he had received warrants for the arrest of IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN and DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI. He stated LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI were charged with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, 1341, 1342, 2314 and 2315.

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On March 23, 1959, [redacted] advised LICHTERMAN was arrested on March 20, 1959, arraigned before United States Commissioner HERBERT A. HORN, Cleveland, and released on \$5,000 bond. Removal hearing was demanded to April 17, 1959. [redacted] advised the following descriptive data was furnished by LICHTERMAN at the time of his arrest:

Name:	IRVING I. LICHTERMAN
Residence:	2552 Warrensville Center Road Cleveland, Ohio
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
DOB:	5-23-11
	Russia
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Dark
Scars and Marks:	Mole under right eye

[redacted] advised WIGODSKI voluntarily appeared at the United States Marshal's Office, Cleveland, on March 23, 1959. He stated WIGODSKI was arraigned before United States Commissioner HORN and released on \$5,000 bond on March 23, 1959, and hearing demanded to April 17, 1959. [redacted] furnished the following description of WIGODSKI which was obtained at the time WIGODSKI appeared at his office:

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Name: DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI
Residence: 4080 Oaklona Avenue
South Euclid, Ohio
Race: White
Sex: Male
DOB: 3-10-12
Place of Birth: Poland
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 180 lbs.
Build: Stocky
Hair: Black
Complexion: Ruddy
Characteristics: Wears glasses occasionally

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, advised he is presently employed as [redacted] by the Niagara Cyclone Massage, 1516 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

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[redacted] advised he was previously employed by the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, from [redacted] and the Community Discount Furniture Company, 7002 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, from [redacted] to [redacted]

[redacted] said that during the summer of [redacted] while he was employed by the E and A Sales Company, he was to open a store at 7813 Euclid Avenue as a wholesaler to the public and dealers. He stated EDDIE WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN were to be the owners of this store and he would be manager. [redacted] stated he was to invest \$1,000 and he would receive \$5,000 worth of merchandise from WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN. He stated all arrangements were made to open the store, however, he refused to put up \$1,000, so the store was never opened. He stated the store, located at 7813 Euclid Avenue, was then used by the E and A Sales Company as a warehouse for a period of two or three months.

[redacted] stated during September, [redacted] the E and A Sales Company received a lot of merchandise at the 7010 Euclid Avenue store. He stated this merchandise was stored in the storage area of the E and A Sales Company and when this storage space was depleted, the vacant store at 7002 Euclid was completely filled. He was unable to indicate the origin of this merchandise, but stated it was brought to E and A by tractor trailers.

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Interview with [redacted] File # CV 49-506
on 3-25-59 at Cleveland, Ohio Dictated: 3-30-59
by Special Agent [redacted] /tmr

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[redacted] stated he was instructed by IRVING LICHTERMAN to remove the labels from some of the cartons stored at 7002 Euclid Avenue, and it was at this time that he saw the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on six or eight large cartons which he believed contained television tables. He stated he also saw several other cartons bearing labels with the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company, but he was unable to identify the merchandise in the cartons.

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[redacted] was unable to remember the specific date he saw the above cartons but stated it had to be between the month of September, [redacted] and October 10, [redacted] as this is the date the Community Discount Furniture Store opened at 7002 Euclid Avenue and he had removed the labels before the store was opened.

[redacted] was unable to indicate the disposition of the merchandise received by the E and A Sales Company, but stated he is of the opinion the better part of the merchandise was sold during the 84 hour marathon held by E and A Sales Company during October, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised EDDIE WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN are part owners of the Giant Value Stores, Detroit, Michigan. He stated he did not know the amount of their investment in this company.

[redacted] said [redacted] ex-employee of the E and A Sales Company, was the individual who took inventory of all the merchandise received in September. He stated he also saw [redacted] transferring inventory figures from bills to papers received from the truck drivers to invoices of the E and A Sales Company.

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[redacted] was unable to furnish any further information which might be of assistance in this investigation.

The following description was obtained through observation and interrogation:

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Name:

Race:

Sex:

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Height:

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INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 3/19/59

Mrs. [redacted] J. F. MARR COMPANY, INCORPORATED, Woodstock, New York, advised that all records pertaining to transactions with SCANLON RADIO and TV COMPANY, are in the hands of Attorney [redacted] Kingston, New York.

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Mrs. [redacted] explained that credit was extended to SCANLON based upon information contained in a DUN and BRADSTREET publication.

She added that she later determined that the DUN and BRADSTREET report actually referred to the former owner of SCANLON RADIO and T.V., and not the individuals with whom [redacted] corresponded.

Interview with Mrs. [redacted] File # 49-3961 b6
on 3/11/59 at Woodstock, New York Date dictated 3/16/59 b7C
by Special Agent JACK H. LUPTON/dmo

Last of 7 Give Up On Fraud Charges

The last of seven persons sought in the Scanlon discount house fraud case surrendered here Wednesday to United States Marshal Lyle Milligan.

They are Robert L. Halpin, 29, who gave his occupation as retail merchant, and Ruth Jane McGuigan, 30, a stenographer. Both are of Detroit.

Immediately after their surrender the pair appeared before Federal Judge Robert E. Tehan to request that the proposed \$5,000 bond be reduced. Judge Tehan set \$2,500 bond for Miss McGuigan and \$3,500 bond for Halpin. They were released after posting bonds.

The pair was named along with five others, including James H. Bishop, 32, of Detroit, a central character in the case, in a 26-count grand jury indictment. Halpin and Miss McGuigan appear in two of the counts—conspiracy to transport fraudulently obtained goods interstate and receiving such goods.

Bishop and Frank Verville, 31, Chicago, had surrendered Tuesday to face new charges in the same case. Each had been named in an earlier indictment and was out on bail. Judge Tehan continued their bail, \$7,500 for Bishop and \$1,500 for Verville.

The indictment grew out of federal charges that \$470,000

in merchandise had disappeared in a plot involving Bishop's purchase of Scanlon's at 707 W. Wisconsin Av. The government contends the purchase was made to permit the purchase of merchandise on credit and then to ship it to warehouses in other states.

The others charged in the indictment, two Cleveland men and a Detroit man, have also been arrested and released on bail. They are Irving I. Lichtenman and Daniel E. Wigdoski, Cleveland, operators of the E. & A. Wholesalers, and Jacob L. Shubow, Detroit, operator of the Rich-Mor Sales Co., another wholesaling firm.

No arraignment dates have been set, according to Assistant United States Attorney Howard Hilgendorf.

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SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCES

Milwaukee letter to Atlanta, 1/12/59.
Detroit airtel to Cleveland, 1/21/59.
Cleveland airtel to Milwaukee, 2/16/59.
Report of SA [REDACTED] 3/17/59,
Cincinnati. Report of SA [REDACTED] 4/6/59,
Cleveland. Report of SA JOHN D. FUSELIER, 2/27/59, Detroit.

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ENCLOSURES

5 page schedule listing sales by E & A
to J. D. Clark.

7 enclosures for the Milwaukee Division
which have been described in the interview of Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as set out in report.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Cleveland Division in view of their investigation pending in that division.

For the information of the Cleveland Division a review of the Cincinnati Division indices discloses that a DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKY, Aka. EDDIE BENSON, EDWARD BENSON, was a subject of investigation captioned BLUFLAME DISTRIBUTORS, INC., Aka. BLUE FLAME DISTRIBUTORS, INC., NBA; MAIL FRAUD; CONSPIRACY, which the Miami Division was Office of Origin. Cleveland Division file number in this case is 49-464.

CAUTION, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. PISTOLS AND SHOTGUN WERE INCLUDED IN MERCHANDISE RECOVERED AT DETROIT.

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File Number: 49-950 BuFile 49-14193

Title: [redacted] Aka.; ET AL

Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY;
CONSPIRACY

Synopsis:

[redacted] Kippy-Kit Co., Circleville, Ohio, shipped one order of leather novelty items to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, valued at \$156.00. on 9/9/58. All correspondence obtained J. J. Winner Company in receivership. Premises and most of personnel of J. J. Winner now in operation as J. D. Clark Company. [redacted] denies ever working for E & A Sales Company or ever being in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; states does not know the Scanlon Company of Milwaukee. [redacted] for accountant for J. D. Clark Company, states took inventory of J. D. Clark Co., and noted numerous cartons in warehouse from Scanlon's in Milwaukee; states could not recall specific items. Listing of invoices from E & A Sales Co. to J. D. Clark Co., made. CAUTION, [redacted] AND [redacted] HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. PISTOLS AND SHOTGUN WERE INCLUDED IN MERCHANDISE RECOVERED AT DETROIT.

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DETAILS

AT CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Kippy Kit Company, rear of 146 Pleasant Street, Circleville, Ohio, advised that his company manufactures various types of leather novelties and advertises in several of the trade papers and magazines. He advised that during late summer, 1958, he received a Purchase Order dated August 28, 1958, from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, numbered A 3473, and ordering the following items:

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2 doz. #3000 Kar Visor Asst. Colors	@\$18./dz.
3 doz. #1100 Kippy Kar Kit Asst. "	@\$18./dz.
1 doz. #1110 Kippy Kar Kit Asst. "	@\$24./dz.
1 doz. #1000 Vacation Kit "	@\$18./dz.
1 doz. #3300 Traveler "	@\$12./dz.
4 doz. #720 Kippy Kit "	@\$9./dz.

Mr. [redacted] advised that this order was signed by [redacted] and it was the first communication he had ever received from this company.

He stated that he wrote a letter to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop on September 3, 1958, and acknowledged the order, but requested three trade references and a bank reference. And shortly thereafter he received a letter dated September 4, 1958, from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop in which they requested that their credit be checked through Dun and Bradstreet.

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[redacted] stated that this letter also contained two references:

Major Dist Co., 2040 N. Wisconsin Street,
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

Milwaukee Electronics Corp., 743 N. Fourth St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

He said that this letter was also signed by [redacted]

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on 2/20/59 at Circleville, Ohio Date dictated 2/20/59

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On the basis of this letter Mr. [redacted] advised that he shipped the order requested by Scanlon Radio and Music Shop on September 9, 1958, with an enclosed letter advising them that the shipment was by Suburban Motor Freight and the terms were 2% 10 days, net 30 days, F.O.B., Circleville, Ohio.

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[redacted] advised that after he made the above shipment he received another Purchase Order from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop dated September 13, 1959, number B 1894, ordering the following items:

12 Doz. #3300 Traveler Visor Kit @ \$12. doz.
8 Doz. #1000 Vacation Kit @ \$18. doz.

He said that this Purchase Order was also signed by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he did not fill the second order and he wrote to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop by letter dated September 23, 1958, requesting additional references. He advised that by letter dated October 13, 1958, he again wrote to the company after receiving no reply and advised them that unless they paid the bill on their first shipment which amounted to \$156. the account would be placed collection.

Mr. [redacted] furnished the following correspondence concerning his company and Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop:

1. Purchase Order #A3473 from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, dated August 28, 1958, signed [redacted]
[redacted] (Original)

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2. Letter from Kippy-Kit Co., dated September 3, 1958. (Carbon copy)

3. Letter from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, dated September 4, 1958, signed [redacted]
[redacted] (Original)

4. Letter from Kippy-Kit Co., dated September 9, 1958. (Carbon copy)

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5. Bill of Lading for shipment to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop from Kippy-Kit Co., dated September 9, 1958. (Original)

6. Purchase Order #B 1894, from Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, dated September 13, 1958, signed [redacted] (Original)

7. Letter from Kippy-Kit Co., dated October 13, 1958. (Carbon copy)

Mr. [redacted] advised that he handled all transactions personally between his company and Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop. He further stated that the above documents were the only ones he could locate pertaining to his business transactions with Scanlon's and he requested that the above documents be returned at the completion of the case.

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA [redacted] at Columbus, Ohio:

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[redacted] On March 10, 1959, [redacted] of The J. D. Clark Company, 3323 East Broad Street, advised that the premises now occupied by the Clark Company was formerly occupied by the J. J. WINNER Company which is now in receivership. He stated that there is no connection between the Clark Company and the old Winner Company although much of the personnel and the fixtures are the same.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that the receiver for Winner is Attorney [redacted] at 1231 East Broad Street, and that none of the records of the Winner Company are located with the Clark Company. He stated that the Clark Company has been doing business at 3323 East Broad Street since January, 1958, and that the records of purchases by the Clark Company are in the possession of their accountant, B. L. KESSLER Company, 2467½ Cleveland Avenue. Mr. [redacted] advised that the Clark Company has never received any goods from the E & A Sales Company in Cleveland which amounted to as much as a truckload. He advised that the Clark Company does not have a warehouse, that all goods ordered are shipped direct to the salesfloor.

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On March 17, 1959, Mr. [redacted] advised that the Clark Company rented a temporary storage room over the Blue Note Tavern located on Fifth Avenue for a short while prior to Christmas, 1958, for the storage of Christmas merchandise. He advised that this room was in use for only November and December, 1958.

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 3/17/59, Columbus, Ohio Date dictated 3/17/59
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[redacted]

The J. D. CLARK Company, advised that he has never worked for the E & A Sales Company in Cleveland, Ohio, and that he has never been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in his life. He stated that he is familiar with the E & A Sales Company since he purchases merchandise from them. He stated that purchases from E & A Sales have been in small amounts and he has never received an entire truck load from E & A Sales at any time. He advised that he does not know the Scanlon Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Mr. [redacted] Attorney, 1231 East Broad Street, advised that his partner, Attorney [redacted] [redacted] of the same address, had been appointed receiver for the old J. J. WINNER Company formerly of 3323 East Broad Street. Mr. [redacted] stated that the J. J. WINNER Co. had been forced into receivership in December, 1957, and had ceased business at 3323 East Broad at that time. He stated that following the appointment of Mr. [redacted] as receiver, no receipt of goods or material was made by the J. J. WINNER Company, but only efforts to liquidate merchandise on hand had been attempted. He advised that shortly after the J. J. WINNER Company went into receivership, the corporation of J. D. CLARK was formed by the persons who operated the J. J. WINNER Company and that the J. D. CLARK Company entered business at the same address of 3323 East Broad Street and became almost a continuation of the same business at the same address. He stated, however, that there is no connection between the J. J. WINNER Company and the J. D. CLARK Company except the same address and almost the same personnel involved.

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Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he is the accountant for the J. D. CLARK Company, located at 3323 East Broad Street. He advised that once each month the Clark Company sends him all the necessary items so that he can prepare the proper records of the business. He advised that they send him the invoices of incoming material and that when he finishes with these invoices he returns them to the Clark Company for storage. He stated that he has only current invoices in his possession and that all invoices for 1958 have been returned. He advised that the [redacted] at the J. D. CLARK Company is [redacted] [redacted] and that [redacted] should have all the invoices for 1958. Mr. [redacted] advised that one of his employees, [redacted] had taken an inventory of items received by [redacted] from the E & A Sales Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and that [redacted] may have some information regarding instant matter.

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Mr. [redacted]

employed by

[redacted] for the J. D. CLARK

[redacted] Co., advised that during the course of his employment by Mr. [redacted] he was assigned to take an inventory of the goods on hand at the J. D. CLARK CO., store and warehouse. He stated that this inventory was taken on the weekends of October 4, 11, 18, and 25, and November 1, and 8, 1958. He stated that he recalls seeing numerous cartons in Clark's warehouse which indicated they were from Scanlons in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He stated that he believes the items were radios. He advised that the invoices for these items were on file at the store and that they took the invoices from the store to the warehouse and checked to see if the material was in the warehouse. After using the invoices, the invoices were returned to the Clark Office at the store. He stated that he cannot recall any specific items, but that he definitely recalls there were numerous cartons which indicated they had come from Scanlons in Milwaukee. He stated that the warehouse was located over a beer tavern at the southeast corner of Rarig and Fifth Avenues in Columbus. He stated that he could testify that there were items in the warehouse which were marked on the cartons as being from Scanlons but that he cannot testify what was in the cartons. He stated that items in the store could not be identified as to source. With regard to the invoices of items in the warehouse, these items appeared on invoices from the E & A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and that there were numerous invoices from this company in which the items listed thereon were stored above the tavern mentioned as being the warehouse. He stated there was no reference on the invoice which would indicate the merchandise was from Scanlons and only the indication on the carton would indicate it was from Scanlons.

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Physical observation of the southeast corner of Rarig and Fifth Avenues in Columbus, Ohio, revealed that the Blue Note Tavern is located at 2997 East Fifth Avenue on the ground floor of a two story building. This building appears to have vacant rooms on the entire top floor. Observation of this building was made on March 10, 1959, and attempts to enter the top floor of this building on this date were unsuccessful.

On March 16 and 17, 1959, a listing of invoices of sales from the E & A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, to the J. D. Clark Company, Columbus, Ohio, was made. This listing is enclosed for the information of the Milwaukee Office in attempting to determine if any items thereon can be traced to the Scanlon Company.

CAUTION, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. PISTOLS AND SHOTGUN WERE INCLUDED IN PERSONAL PROPERTY RECOVERED IN DETROIT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE

DATE: 4/23/59

MgW FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (87-0)

SUBJECT: IRVING I. LICHTERMAN:
DAVID E. WIGDOSKI, dba,
E & A SALES Company,
Cleveland, Ohio
ITSP

On April 20, 1959, Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted], confidentially advised that she had just received a copy of a bulletin published by the Better Business Bureau of Cleveland, Ohio, which contains an article concerning captioned individuals and relates that both were arraigned before the U.S. Commissioner, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 17, 1959, in violation of the ITSP Statute, in that they were transporting and selling stolen merchandise from Milwaukee to Cleveland.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that her organization has had several complaints concerning the J. D. Clark Company, a discount merchandise house, located at East Broad Street, and James Road, Columbus, Ohio, concerning shady business practices, one in particular being that an expensive set of golf clubs was allegedly being offered at half retail price [redacted]. She also stated that she had received anonymous information that much of the merchandise in the sales room of J. D. Clark had come from subject WIGDOSKI at Cleveland. The merchandise in question consists of appliances and general merchandise, nothing specific in description or quantity.

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She further advised a [redacted] is the buyer at J. D. Clark Company, and that the following are officers:
 [redacted] President
 [redacted] position unknown
 [redacted] Secretary-treasurer

[redacted] was at one time described as President, but he has allegedly denied holding any such office with J. D. Clark Company.

(2)-Milwaukee
 2-Cleveland
 1-Cincinnati

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According to her records, this organization allegedly purchased \$15,000.00 worth of merchandise from an unknown Cleveland supplier in January, 1958.

It is pointed out that none of this merchandise allegedly obtained at Columbus from Cleveland can be identified nor can it be described. Mrs. [redacted] stated she is bringing this information to the attention of the FBI since she strongly suspects some of the merchandise stolen and transported by captioned individuals has found its way to the J. D. Clark Company of Columbus, Ohio, where it is being offered for retail sale through discount house.

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Milwaukee is requested to question subjects regarding any Columbus, Ohio, outlets for stolen merchandise and to determine if the officers of the J. D. Clark Company, are, in fact, receivers of any stolen merchandise.

Cleveland is requested to furnish any information in its files concerning possible Columbus, Ohio, outlets by subject.

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Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 4/24/59	Investigative Period 3/4/59, 4/17/59
TITLE OF CASE [redacted], aka; aka - FUGITIVE; [redacted] [redacted] aka - FUGITIVE; [redacted] aka - FUGITIVE JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW, aka		Report made by [redacted]	Typed By: pap
		CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	b6 b7C

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/20/59,
at Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will, within a reasonable period of time,
recontact [redacted] Attorney, 514
Washington Building, to determine if he is
going to take any further legal action to
gain possession of the merchandise involved
in instant matter which is in possession of the
Link Sales Company.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: United States Attorneys, Milwaukee and Detroit

Report of: EDWARD N. WILLS
Date: April 24, 1959

Office: Washington, D. C.

File Number: Washington Field 49-1191

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Character:

JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW, aka
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Attorney, acting on behalf of Receiver in Bankruptcy instant matter has taken no further legal action to obtain merchandise in possession of the Link Sales Company. [REDACTED] states he has made a recommendation to the Receiver in Bankruptcy that no further steps be made to obtain the merchandise because he feels that the Link Company would have to be reimbursed and there would be no monetary gain achieved. CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN CONTACTING [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] INASMUCH AS THEY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS AND A PISTOL AND SHOTGUN WERE AMONG THE MERCHANDISE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED IN INSTANT CASE.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

A check made of the records of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Bankruptcy Case Number 82-58, in the matter of [REDACTED] - d.b.a. Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop on March 4, 13 and 26, 1959, failed to reflect any further court action had taken place since November 13, 1958, on which date [REDACTED] was appointed as Ancillary Receiver in instant matter.

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[redacted] Attorney, 514 Washington Building, advised on April 17, 1959, that he has taken no further legal action in instant matter on behalf of [redacted] since filing a petition for the appointment of an Ancillary Receiver on November 12, 1958. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has recommended to Mr. [redacted] that no further steps be taken to recover the merchandise in the possession of the Link Sales Company of Washington, D. C.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he made the recommendation because he felt that in the event the merchandise in possession of the Link Sales Company was taken from them the company would have to be reimbursed for the merchandise and there would be no monetary gain achieved.

**CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN CONTACTING [redacted]
AND [redacted] IN AS MUCH AS THEY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS AND A PISTOL AND SHOTGUN WERE AMONG NEW MERCHANDISE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED IN INSTANT CASE.**

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TO : SAC (49-320)

DATE: 3/30/59
Dictated: 3/26/59

FROM : SA [redacted]

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et al
ITSP - CONSPIRACY

On March 23, 1959, [redacted] Federal Bankruptcy Court, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, made available "proof of claims" signed by creditors of Scanlon's Radio and Music to date, which were searched for the company names as listed on each of the seventy-seven E & A Sales Company invoices billed to Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, when such firm purchased \$14,862.00 worth of merchandise from E & A Sales about September 17, 1958.

The following is a listing of the seventy-seven suppliers as indicated on E & A invoices, together with the bankruptcy number as assigned to each company as its proof of claim was filed with the Federal Bankruptcy Court, Milwaukee, and the representative of the company who filed the respective proof of claim.

It will be noted that forty-two of the seventy-seven companies listed have filed proof of claims and in many instances where the proof of claim had attached thereto a supporting invoice, the merchandise as listed on such invoice in quantity, description, price and discount matched that listed on E & A invoice to Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Signing Proof of Claim</u>
Ack-Ack Inc. 18101 Last Ten Mile Rd., E. Detroit, Mich.	\$236.74	840	[redacted]
Amerline 2727 W. Chicago Ave. Chicago, Ill.	\$112.86		

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<u>Supplier (cont.)</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Sign- ing Proof of Claim</u>
Arcadia Doll Co. Inc., 505 E. 132nd St., Bronx, N.Y.	\$396.00	294	[Redacted]
Arranbes R&B Doll Co., Inc., 250 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L.I.	\$283.20	785	[Redacted]
Arrow Fastener Co. Inc., One Junius St. Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$462.87		[Redacted]
Banner Plastics Corp., 80 Beckwith Ave., Paterson 3, N.J.	\$338.40	23	[Redacted]
Barth & Drevfuss 2260 E. Fifteenth St., Los Angeles 21, Calif.	\$269.65	12	[Redacted]
The Brothers Mfg. Co., 2526 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$280.80		
Buckingham Sports Co. Inc., 150 Lafayette St., New York 13, N.Y.	\$192.60		
Carnival Toy Mfg. Co., 150 Bruckner Blvd., N.Y.	\$324.48		
Crown Table Tennis Co., 200 Fifth Ave., N.Y.	\$354.60		
DeJournette Manu- facturing Co., 1482 Mecaslin St., Atlanta, Ga.	\$233.28	510	[Redacted]

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<u>Supplier (cont.)</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Signing Proof of Claim</u>
Dillon-Beck Mfg. Co., Hillside, New Jersey	\$223.60	773	[Redacted]
Distinctive Juvenile Mfg. Co., Perkasie, Penna.	\$64.20		
The Charles Wm. Doeple Mfg. Co., Rossmoyne, Cincinnati, Ohio	\$378.00	191	[Redacted]
Doll Bodies Inc. 153 W. 15th St. New York 11, N.Y.	\$304.20		
J. Cey Doll Co. Inc., 1365-38th St., Brooklyn 18, N.Y.	\$280.80		
Dremel Mfg. Co. 2400 18th St. Racine, Wis.	\$223.78	247	[Redacted]
Ermel Prod. Corp. 2100 N. Caroline Indianapolis, Ind.	\$455.20		
The everest Co., Inc., 7 Sherman St. Linden, New Jersey	\$285.12		b6 b7C
Felix Glatz Import Co., Inc., 27 E. 22nd St. New York 16, N.Y.	\$40.50	248	[Redacted]
Fisher-Price Toys Inc., East Aurora Erie County, N.Y.	\$331.40	49	[Redacted]

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<u>Supplier (cont.)</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Signing Proof of Claim</u>
Flambeau Plastics Corp., P.O. Box 367, Baraboo, Wis.	\$188.23		[Redacted]
Gem Electric Mfg. Co., 237 37th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$456.80	277	[Redacted]
Haecher Industries, 465 N. Eighth St. Philadelphia 23, Pa.	\$234.90		
The Hart Vance Company, Seventeenth St. & Dalmar Blvd., St. Louis 3, Mo.	\$265.00		
Hartman Mfg. Co. 2717 Sidney St. St. Louis, Mo.	\$634.80	208	[Redacted]
Holgate Toys, Inc., Statesville, N.C.	\$398.52		
Grand Rapids Toy Furniture Co., 10-20 Ionia Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.	\$237.00		
C. Howard Hunt Pen Co., Camden 1, New Jersey	\$241.92		
Indian Leather Holster Co., 155-157 Wooster Street New York, N.Y.	\$627.00		

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Jay Franco Mfg. Co., 4-6 W. 37th St., New York, N.Y.	\$193.75	326	[Redacted]
Jay Franco Mfg. Co., 4-6 W. 37th St., New York 18, N.Y.	\$378.00	326	[Redacted]
Kay cm EE Corp. of America, 1107 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.	\$265.82		[Redacted]
Kideo-Krome, Inc. 85-99 Fifth Ave. Paterson, NJ	\$250.50	393	[Redacted]
Kideo-Krome Inc. 85-99 Fifth Ave. Paterson, New Jersey	\$84.00	393	[Redacted]
Knight Table Tennis Co., 8 Forrest St. Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$310.80	185	[Redacted]
Julius Kupfer, Inc 79-10 Albion Ave. Elmhurst 73, L.I., N.Y.	\$294.50		[Redacted]
Knight Table Tennis Co., 8 Forrest St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$453.00	185	[Redacted]
Larido Corp., 381 Fourth Ave. N.Y.	\$250.00	573	[Redacted]
Leinzig & Lippe, Inc., Crow Hill Road Mount Kisco, N.Y.	\$27.00		[Redacted]

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<u>Supplier (cont.)</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Signing Proof of Claim</u>
Life-Time Mfg. Co., 801 W. Randolph Chicago 7, Ill.	\$831.36	88	[Redacted]
Logan Electric Specialty Mfg. Co. 1431-38 W. Hubbard St., Chicago 22, Ill.	\$268.20	53	[Redacted]
M. B. Toy Co. 1341 Brandywine St. Phila., P.A.	\$234.00		
Manomatic Novelty Corp., 141-145 Wooster St., New York 12, N.Y.	\$369.60		
Maplewood Prod. Co., Inc., Box 111, Ladysmith, Wis.	\$62.40	514	[Redacted]
Marcus Mercantile Co., 395 N. Water St., Mil., Wis.	\$182.00	827	[Redacted]
Mid-West Marko Inc., 844 West Adams St., Chicago 7, Ill.	\$360.00	42	[Redacted]
Muskin Manufacturing Co., Inc. 38 Courtright Ave. Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	\$180.60	146	[Redacted]
National Sanitary Products Corp., 729 Clinton St. Hoboken, New Jersey	\$554.70		

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The Nelson Machine & Mfg. Co., Ashtabula, Ohio	\$100.32	268	[Redacted]
Nicholson Industries Inc., P.O. Box 1191, Jacksonville, Texas	\$302.40	259	[Redacted]
Parker Bros. Games Salem, Mass.	\$232.80	57	[Redacted]
The Perfection Mfg. Co., 2701-2716 N. Leffingwell Ave., St. Louis 6, Mo.	\$186.90	257	[Redacted]
Plawood-Mormac Corp., 753 Licert St., Painesville, Ohio	\$448.65		[Redacted]
Plews-Oiler, Inc. 701 Seventh St., So. Minneapolis 15, Minn.	\$259.08	132	[Redacted]
Philip Nitcheil & Sons Inc., 85 N. 3rd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$172.80		[Redacted]
The Prizer-Painter Stove Works Inc. Reading, Pa.	\$261.51	269	[Redacted]
Regent Sports Co. 510 Sixth Ave. New York, N.Y.	\$326.40		[Redacted]
Roto-Broil Corp. of America, 3300 Northern Blvd. Long Island City 1, N.Y.	\$181.50	405	[Redacted]

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<u>Supplier (cont.)</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Signing Proof of Claim</u>
Service Manufacturing Co., Inc. 155 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, N.Y.	\$313.20	68	[Redacted]
The Sherrill Corp. Mexico, Indiana, U.S.A.	\$282.15	585	[Redacted]
The Setwell Co. 1701-1709 W. 13th St., Chicago, Ill.	\$163.80		[Redacted]
Silly Putty Market-\$82.08 ing, P.O. Box 741, New Haven, Conn.		483	[Redacted]
Singer Sewing Machine Co., 150 Varick St., N.Y., N.Y.	\$367.30		[Redacted]
Spec-toy-culors Inc., 35-35 Thirty- Fifth St., Long Island, city, N.Y.	\$225.72		[Redacted]
Sperti Farada, Inc., Adrian, Michigan	\$214.58		[Redacted]
Soschoenhet Inc. 2046 E. Gastor Ave. Phila., Pa.	\$353.40		[Redacted]
Stencil-Art Pub- lishing Co., P.O. Box 23, Bedford, Ohio	\$233.28	193	[Redacted]
Sterling Plastics Co., P.O. Box 366 Union N.J.	\$75.60		

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<u>Supplier (cont.)</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Bankruptcy Number</u>	<u>Representative Signing Proof of Claim</u>
Stevens Mfg. Co. 5939 St. Louis Ave. St. Louis 20, Mo.	\$227.85	626	[Redacted]
Superior Electric Products Corp. Cape Girardeau, Mo.	\$324.00		
Tim-Mee Toys, Inc. Aurora, Ill.	\$276.00	167	[Redacted]
Van Dam Products Inc., 1299 Jerome Ave., N.Y., N.Y.	\$277.20	47	[Redacted]
Wisconsin Alum-inum Foundry Co., Manitowoc, Wis.	\$196.33	1	[Redacted]
Admiration Toy Co. 514-516 W. 147th St., N.Y., N.Y.	\$144.00		
Airguide Instrument Co., Chicago 47, Ill.	\$232.10	131	[Redacted]

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Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 4/27/59	Investigative Period 3/13/59 - 4/20/59
TITLE OF CASE [redacted] aka.; et al		Report made by SA [redacted]	Typed By: rhk
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY; CONSPIRACY	

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SUMMARY

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/13/59 at Milwaukee.
Detroit airtel to Milwaukee dated 3/18/59. (inter office)
Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 3/24/59.
Cleveland airtel to Milwaukee dated 3/24/59. (inter office)
Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/6/59 at Cleveland.

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CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Will, at the request of AUSA [redacted] Milwaukee,
request the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. to maintain records relative
to telephone listings as obtained in re Cleveland report
dated 4/6/59.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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DETROIT DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

One copy of instant report being furnished the Detroit Division, since prosecution is pending that office.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Will follow and report prosecutive action taken against all seven Subjects.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:
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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: MILWAUKEE
 Date: 4/27/59 b6
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File Number: MI 49-320; Bufile 49-14193

Title: [redacted] et al

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY; CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Federal Grand Jury, Milwaukee, returned true bill 3/13/59, charging Subjects with violation of following statutes of USC: [redacted] and [redacted] 1341 and 1342; LICHTERMAN, WIGODSKI, [redacted] and SHUBOW, 2314; and all seven Subjects with 371. Subjects, [redacted] and [redacted] voluntarily surrendered USM, Milwaukee, being released by USDJ, EDW, on previously set bail of \$7,500 and \$1,500 respectively. Subjects, [redacted] and [redacted] surrendered USM, Milwaukee, being released by USDJ on bail of \$3,000 and \$2,500 respectively. No dates set for arraignment. Mohawk Lumber & Supply Co., Detroit, about 9/17/58 purchased \$14,862.50 in merchandise from E & A Sales. E & A invoices supporting sale checked to proof of claims filed against Scanlon's Radio and Music. Of 77 companies listed on invoices, 42 have filed proof of claims and in many cases where invoices attached to proof of claim, merchandise as listed thereon matched merchandise as listed on E & A invoices.

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DETAILS

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On March 24, 1959, Federal Grand Jury heard further

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witnesses in this case.

On March 13, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Wisconsin, [redacted] advised that Federal Grand Jury on March 13, 1959 returned a "secret" true bill, charging the indicated Subjects with violations of the following titles of United States Code:

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Title of USC</u>	<u>Counts</u>	
[redacted]	1341	12	b6 b7C
	1342	1	
	1342	3	
	1342	2	
IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN; DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI	2314	1	
[redacted]	2314	1	
JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW			
[redacted]	371	1	b6 b7C
IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN; DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI;			
[redacted] and			
JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW			

[redacted] stated that the indictment has remained secret, and that it is his plan to make it become public on March 24, 1959.

Bench warrants charging the Subjects with the indicated violations were issued March 19, 1959 with bond recommended at \$5,000.00 per each Subject.

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Mr. [redacted] stated on March 24, 1959, that the warrants were mailed through the United States Marshal's Office, Milwaukee, on March 19, 1959 to the United States Marshal's Offices as indicated below:

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[redacted] and JACOB LOUIS SHENKOW, Detroit Marshal's Office;

IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN and DANIEL EDWARD WISODSKI, Cleveland Marshal's Office.

Mr. [redacted] advised that he has conferred with [redacted] Attorney for [redacted] and [redacted] and that they will be brought to the United States Marshal's Office, Milwaukee, on March 24, 1959.

Mr. [redacted] advised this date that he has learned from the United States Marshal's Office in Cleveland that LICHTERMAN was apprehended March 20, 1959, and WISODSKI surrendered March 23, 1959, and that both have been released on \$5,000.00 bond each, with a Commissioner's hearing scheduled for April 17, 1959.

On March 24, 1959, Subjects [redacted] and [redacted] accompanied by their attorney, [redacted] voluntarily surrendered to the United States Marshal, Milwaukee, later appearing before United States District Judge, ROBERT E. TEHAN, who released them on previously set bail of \$7,500.00 and \$1,500.00 each respectively.

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On March 25, 1959, Subjects [redacted] and [redacted] voluntarily surrendered themselves to the United States Marshal, Milwaukee, and later appeared before United States District Judge, ROBERT E. TEHAN, who released them on bail of \$3,500.00 and \$2,500.00 respectively.

By communication dated March 24, 1959, the Cleveland Division advised that Subject LICHTERMAN was arrested March 20, 1959 by United States Marshal at Cleveland and appeared March 20, 1959 before United States Commissioner, HERBERT A. MORIN, and released on \$5,000.00 bond. The communication

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advised that Subject WIGODSKI voluntarily surrendered himself before the United States Marshal, Cleveland, March 23, 1959, and was afforded a hearing before United States Commissioner, Cleveland, the same date and released on \$5,000.00 bond.

On April 20, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney, [redacted] advised to date that no dates have been set for arraignment of neither Subjects, and that he is presently awaiting results of removal hearings in Detroit and Cleveland.

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On March 13, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney, [redacted] advised that he learned through a person, whose identity is confidential at present, that [redacted] Mohawk Lumber Company, 14525 West Chicago Avenue, Detroit, purchased \$14,000.00 of Scanlon merchandise from E & A Sales, Cleveland, and that invoices from E & A Sales and cancelled checks supporting the above purchase are available at Mohawk, and [redacted] will be cooperative.

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By communication dated March 18, 1959, the Detroit Division enclosed seventy-seven thermofax copies of invoices, which [redacted] Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, Detroit, received from E & A Sales Company, when he purchased merchandise from them about September 17, 1958. This merchandise was paid for by Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company check number 18164, dated October 8, 1958, in the amount of \$14,862.66. [redacted] stated he bought this merchandise at about 10 per cent below his usual cost. Examination of invoices reflects that wholesale cost was \$21,349.53; therefore, [redacted] paid only 69.6 per cent of wholesale cost, or a discount of approximately 30 per cent.

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The communication indicated [redacted] invoices include one reflecting supplier was Ack-Ack, Incorporated, East Detroit. This firm advised they have never sold to E & A, but they located invoice dated August 26, 1958, for sale of toys to Scanlon's. Comparison of their invoice to Scanlon and E & A invoice to Mohawk revealed that the quantity shipped, description of merchandise, price and discount on the two

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invoices are identical, therefore, E & A obtained this merchandise from Scanlon's.

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On March 24, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that inasmuch as it is now apparent
that merchandise as reflected on seventy-seven B & A in-
voices to Mohawk Lumber Company as a result of Mohawk's
purchase, originally was obtained from Scanlon's and for
subpoena purposes, the names of representatives of forty-
four of the seventy-seven firms are known. It will not
be necessary at this time to interview such individuals.

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IRVING I. LICHTERMAN aka.;
DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI aka.;
JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW aka.
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Rerep of [redacted] dated 4/20/59 at Cincinnati, and Cincinnati letter to Milwaukee, Cincinnati file 87-0 captioned "IRVING I. LICHTERMAN; DAVID E. WIGDOSKI, dba, E & A SALES Company, Cleveland, Ohio" dated 4/23/59.

Enclosures to rerep cannot be located in Milwaukee Division. Cincinnati Office requested to furnish five-page schedule listing sales by E & A to J. D. CLARK and seven other enclosures as indicated in report if available.

Cincinnati will note that Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGDOSKI as indicated on re Cincinnati letter are identical to Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGDOSKI in instant case. It will also be noted that neither Subject was arraigned Milwaukee, Wis. 4/17/59 but were scheduled to appear before USC, Cleveland, Ohio, for removal hearing on 4/17/59.

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Reporting Office Detroit	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 5/6/59	Investigative Period 3/2-4/29/59
TITLE OF CASE [redacted], aka.; FAL		Report made by JOHN D. FUSELIER (A)	Typed By: KAS
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY	

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN D. FUSELIER, Detroit, dated February 27, 1959.

Milwaukee teletype to Detroit dated March 13, 1959.

Detroit teletype to Milwaukee dated March 17, 1959.

Detroit airtel to Milwaukee dated March 18, 1959.

Report of SA(A) GEORGE F. SIMSON, Albany, dated March 31, 1959.

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States Attorney, conduct appropriate investigation directed towards establishing that firms listed on Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company invoices sold listed merchandise to Scanlon's and not to E & A Sales of Cleveland. This lead set out by referenced airtel dated March 16, 1959.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information copies of this report are being sent to Chicago and Cleveland for possible assistance in conducting current investigation in those offices.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

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Report of:

JOHN B. FUSHIMI (A)
May 6, 1959

Office: Detroit, Michigan

Date:

File Number:

Bureau 49-14193

Title:

[REDACTED] JACOB LEWIS SHUBOW,
IRVING ISADORE LIGHTMAN, DANIEL
EDWARD WIGODSKI

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, purchased \$14,062.65 of merchandise from S & A Sales Company through SID PRIM about 9/17/58. Invoices indicate wholesale cost was \$21,349.53. [REDACTED] invoices indicate one supplier of this merchandise was Ack-Ack, Inc., Detroit. This firm advised they never sold to S & A Sales, but they located invoice for a sale to Scanlon's. Comparison of Ack-Ack invoice to Scanlon's and S & A invoice to Mohawk revealed that quantity shipped, description of merchandise, price, and discount on the two invoices are identical. Subject SHUBOW surrendered to USA, Detroit, on 3/24/59, and released on \$5,000 bond. Subject SHUBOW waived removal hearing and will appear in USDC, Milwaukee, whenever notified. [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON.

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DETAILS

On March 13, 1949, the Milwaukee Office advised that Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Milwaukee, had advised that he had learned that [redacted] Michigan Lumber and Supply Company, Detroit, had purchased \$16,000 worth of Sennion merchandise from S. A. Sales Company, Cleveland.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 3/20/59

Lumber and Supply Company, 14525 West Chicago, Detroit,
Michigan, (home address [redacted], Mohawk

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[redacted] Michigan) advised that sometime in October or November, 1958, SID FEIN had offered him a good deal on some merchandise. [redacted] explained that FEIN had been a manufacturers representative and that he had purchased merchandise from FEIN for several years.

[redacted] said that FEIN had told him that a firm in Cleveland, Ohio, had a heavy inventory of general merchandise which they wanted to liquidate because they needed money. He further advised that FEIN did not seem to know too much about the big deal but was of the opinion that [redacted] could get a good price on this merchandise and they, therefore, decided to go to Cleveland to look at this merchandise.

[redacted] further advised he and FEIN had driven to Cleveland in his own car and that they had met [redacted] who is SID FEIN's [redacted] at E and A Sales Company in Cleveland.

[redacted] stated that he was introduced to one of the owners of E and A Sales Company whose name was IRVING (LNU). He said that IRVING showed him a tremendous amount of merchandise along with some inventory sheets which described the merchandise available for sale to him with the prices thereon. He said that each item or lot of items had a separate inventory sheet or invoice and that he had picked out the merchandise which he could sell in his own stores and had bickered with IRVING as to the price of each lot.

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[redacted] further advised that the E and A Warehouse contained between \$150,000 and \$200,000 worth of merchandise; however, some of the merchandise in this warehouse was not available for sale to him at a discount price. He said that he could only buy what was listed on the inventory sheets. He further stated that he had purchased only a very small part of the merchandise which was for sale at E and A.

Interview with [redacted] File # Detroit 49-1185

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on 3/16/59 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 3/18/59

by Special Agent (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER and ROBERT P. KEEHAN/hrw

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[redacted] further advised that he did not recall that any mention was made as to where this merchandise had come from and he was under the impression that E & A had purchased too heavily and that they had to sell part of their inventory to pay pressing bills. He said that he did not recall noticing any shipping labels on the cartons of merchandise and he did not notice whether or not the labels had been scraped off.

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[redacted] further advised that the merchandise he had purchased was delivered in two truck loads, and after referring to his records, he advised that this merchandise was delivered on September 22, 1958, and September 29, 1958. He stated that the delivery date was approximately five days after he had purchased this merchandise in Cleveland.

[redacted] exhibited Hawk Lumber and Supply Company check number 18164, dated October 8, 1958, payable to E & A Sales, 7020 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which is in payment of this merchandise. The check is in the amount of \$14,862.66 and is endorsed with a stamp "E and A Sales Company", and was negotiated at the Capital Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, on October 9, 1958.

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[redacted] also furnished autostates of the seventy-six invoices which he had received from E & A for the merchandise he had purchased from them. It was noted that the invoices were on E & A printed forms and that the names and addresses of the suppliers were indicated on these forms. It was also noted that one such supplier was Ack - 'ek, Inc., East Detroit, Michigan.

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A total was run of the wholesale prices indicated on the invoices and it was determined that the original wholesale cost was \$11,349.53. Since [redacted] paid \$14,862.66 for this merchandise, he purchased it at a discount of approximately thirty per cent.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 3/24/59

Mrs. [redacted] Ack - Ack,
Inc., 18101 East 10 Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan, advised
after a complete search of her records that this firm had
never sold any merchandise to E and A Sales Company, Cleveland,
Ohio.

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[redacted] After a thorough search of her records, Mrs.
[redacted] located a sale made to Scanlon's Radio and Music
Shop, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She
stated that the order for this merchandise appeared to be un-
solicited and had come to them by mail. She advised that she
had checked this firm through Dun and Bradstreet and had
noted that the latest listing had rated this firm "E2". She
advised that on this basis the order had been shipped to
Scanlon's, however, nothing had been paid to date. The order
for this merchandise was signed [redacted]

The invoice for this sale indicates that the order
number was A-1213, and the invoice date was August 26, 1958.

The invoice describing this merchandise was compared
with the invoice received by the Mohawk Lumber and Supply
Company from E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and it
was noted that the quantity shipped, the description of the
merchandise, the list price, the amount, the discount and the
net price was identical on each of these two invoices.

Interview with Mrs. [redacted] File # Detroit 49-1185
on 3/17/59 at Detroit, Michigan Date dictated 3/20/59
by Special Agent (A) JOHN D. FUSELIER/hrw

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On March 20, 1959, the United States Marshal's Office, Detroit, advised that they had received warrants of arrest for J. COE LEE SHUBB, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Marshal's Office was advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were presently residing in Chicago, and they immediately forwarded these warrants to the United States Marshal's Office in Chicago.

On March 24, 1959, SHUBB voluntarily surrendered himself to the United States Marshal's Office at Detroit and appeared before United States District Judge CLIFFORD C. MILLER in answer to a warrant charging him with violation of Section 2314 and 371, Title 16, United States Code. SHUBB was released on \$5,000 personal bond and a removal hearing was scheduled for April 23, 1959.

On April 23, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED], Detroit, advised that he had been notified that SHUBB had waived this removal hearing and that he was to voluntarily appear in United States District Court, Milwaukee, whenever he was notified by that court to do so.

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On April 1, 1959, the FBI Identification Division advised that a search of the fingerprints of J. COE LEE SHUBB, as forwarded by the United States Marshal, Detroit, Number 7476, had failed to disclose prior arrest data.

On April 2, 1959, the Miami Office advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] Dildio Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, had advised on March 30, 1959, that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] had departed from that hotel on March 25, 1959. [REDACTED] furnished his address as [REDACTED]
Detroit.

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On April 10, 1959, [REDACTED] was contacted by SA (A) JOHN M. JULIANI. [REDACTED] stated that he recalled having loaned J. COE SHUBB about \$10,000 during mid 1958. He said that his records concerning this loan were maintained by his [REDACTED] of Kaplan and Shapiro, wholesale diamond dealers, Metropolitan Building, Detroit. [REDACTED] stated that if the agents were to meet him in [REDACTED] office within the next hour he could give more details regarding this loan.

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Agent KENNAN and FUSILLIER met [] in [] office on the same day at which time he advised that he had loaned SHAWON some money in early June, 1958, and SHAWON had repaid him \$5,000 on June 25, 1958. He said that he loaned SHAWON an additional \$15,000 about July 4, 1958, which was repaid on September 4, 1958, and December 4, 1958. He further advised that he recalled that SHAWON had tried to borrow \$60,000 from him, however, he had refused SHAWON this loan because SHAWON did not have any security to offer. He said that he could not recall the approximate time when SHAWON had tried to borrow this amount, however, he believed that it was in the spring of 1958.

On April 29, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [] advised that the warrants which had been issued at Detroit, Michigan, on November 13, 1958, charging [] and [] with violation of Section 2315, Title 18, United States Code, had been dismissed in United States District Court, Detroit. Mr. [] said that the warrants had been dismissed in view of the indictments returned against these subjects at Milwaukee.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

DATE: March 16, 1959

FROM : SA DWIGHT JOHN LANGE

Date Dictated: 3/12/59

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], etc.,

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The following investigation was conducted by
 SA DWIGHT JOHN LANGE at Grand Rapids, Michigan:

On March 2, 1959, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 House Hotel, 72 Monroe R.R., made available from his long
 distance telephone records the following information in
 regard to long distance telephone calls made by JACK DANBEC
 when he stayed at that hotel:

Date	Record Number	Local Number	Number Called	Location	Long Distance Charges
8/20/58	4722	805	Trin 6-7692	Dearfield, Michigan	.93
8/20/58	4772	805	Trinity 4-1926	Detroit, Michigan	.82
8/20/58	—	805	Townsend 8-3406	Detroit, Michigan	4.58
9/23/58	2403	821	Townsend 8-3406	Detroit, Michigan	3.71
10/22/58	4807	607	(Illegible) Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Michigan	.60
10/22/58	3856	607	Townsend 8-3406	Detroit, Michigan	5.78

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Denies Guilt in Fraud Case

Bishop Enters Plea

James H. Bishop, 32, Detroit, accused of being a leader in the Scanlon discount house fraud, pleaded not guilty before Federal Judge Robert E. Tehan Monday.

A not guilty plea was entered for Frank Verville, 31, Chicago, charged with being Bishop's co-conspirator, after Verville refused to make a plea.

Bishop was charged with buying the Milwaukee discount house as a front for buying merchandise on credit, then shipping goods to out of state warehouses without paying for it. He disappeared Oct. 10 and was arrested Nov. 13 in Los Angeles, Calif.

He was named in 16 counts of the 21 count indictment re-

turned in March. Verville was named in 20 counts.

Judge Tehan entered no guilty pleas for Robert L. Halpin, 29, Detroit, and Miss Ruth J. McGuigan, 30, Chicago, both charged with two counts of complicity.

Daniel Wigdowski, 47, and Irving I. Lichterman, 50, both of Cleveland, charged with two counts of complicity, pleaded not guilty.

Atty. Julius L. Echeles, Chicago, asked Judge Tehan to dismiss the two counts against his client, Jacob Schubow, Detroit, on the grounds that the indictment contained insufficient information. Judge Tehan ordered the attorney to file a brief.

A pretrial conference was set for June 3.

Bishop and Verville were charged with mail fraud, with conspiring to transport goods obtained by fraud through interstate commerce and with attempting to sell such goods.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 5/12/59

✓ FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL.
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Promptly furnish to the Bureau a concise summary letter of facts of case, subjects involved, processes obtained and prosecutive action pending or taken on all subjects.

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Re Bureau letter to Milwaukee May 12, 1959.

FACTS OF CASE AND SUBJECTS INVOLVED

Subject [redacted] using the name [redacted] accompanied by subject [redacted] using the name [redacted] during July, 1958, purchased Scanlon's Radio and Music from the former owner, Mrs. [redacted] upon the death of her husband. [redacted] let it be known he had salesmen in Minnesota selling door-to-door for him and thereafter rented warehouse space at West Allis, Wisconsin and purchased large quantities of merchandise, using established credit of the previous owner, amounting to approximately \$490,000.

A receiver in bankruptcy was appointed October 10, 1958, after four creditors filed involuntary bankruptcy proceedings on the above firm, and on the afternoon of October 10, 1958, the receiver found the business premises and warehouse empty and was not able to locate subjects [redacted] or [redacted]

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Private detectives, hired by creditors, witnessed on October 9 and October 10, 1958, a semi-truck and trailer being loaded with Scanlon's merchandise, with truck, on October 10, 1958, being surveilled to Chicago, Illinois. Interviews with subsequently identified truck drivers revealed Scanlon's merchandise was shipped to and unloaded at Detroit, Michigan and Cleveland, Ohio.

Subsequently, \$118,000 (retail value \$236,000) in merchandise was recovered in warehouses in Detroit, such merchandise at the time being sold by subject JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW, Owner, Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, Michigan, on a five per cent commission basis. Subjects [redacted] and [redacted] were

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instrumental in arranging for the receipt and storage of merchandise at Detroit. Subject SHUBOW assisted subject [redacted] in obtaining warehouse space and sold \$16,000 in merchandise at sixty per cent to seventy per cent of cost to four buyers in Charleston, West Virginia; Syracuse, New York; Washington, D. C. and Cleveland, Ohio.

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Subjects DANIEL WIGODSKI and IRVING I. LICHTERMAN, Partners, E&A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, received approximately eighteen trailer loads of Scanlon's merchandise during September, 1958, most of which was sold by E&A in October, 1958 during a sale. About September 17, 1958, Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company purchased \$14,862.66 merchandise from E&A Sales. Further investigation revealed such merchandise to be obtained originally from Scanlon's Radio and Music.

PROCESS OBTAINED AND PROSECUTIVE ACTION PENDING

- 10/27 and 29/58 Complaints filed and warrants issued, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, charging subjects [] and [] with violation of Section 2314, Title 18, U. S. Code, respectively.
- 11/13/58 Complaints filed and warrants issued at Detroit, Michigan, charging subjects [] and [] with violation Section 2315, Title 18, U. S. Code. b6 b7c
- Subject [] arrested at Sylmar, California by Bureau Agents and remanded to custody of U. S. Marshal in lieu of \$15,000 bond.
- 11/14/58 Subject [] arrested by Bureau Agents, Chicago, Illinois and released on \$2,500 bond.
- 12/3 and 12/19/58 Federal Grand Jury, Milwaukee, returned true bill charging subjects [] and [] respectively, with violation of Section 2314, Title 18, U. S. Code.
- 12/8/58 Subject [] and subject [] reported to U. S. District Court, Detroit, and released on \$1,500 bond each. b6 b7c
- 12/29/58 Subject [] returned to Milwaukee and released on \$10,000 bond after appearing before U. S. District Judge.
- 2/16/59 Subjects [] and [] arraigned before U. S. District Judge, Milwaukee, and pleaded not guilty to indictments returned 12/3 and 12/19/58 charging them with violation of Section 2314, Title 18, U. S. Code.
- 3/13/59 Federal Grand Jury returned a true bill charging the indicated subjects with violations of the following titles of U. S. Code.

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<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Title of USC</u>	<u>Counts</u>	
[redacted]	1341	12	
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IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN; DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI	2314	1	b6 b7C
[redacted]	2314	1	
JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW			
[redacted]	371-	1	
IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN; DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI;			
[redacted] and JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW			
3/19/59	Bench warrants were issued charging the seven subjects with violations as returned by Federal Grand Jury on March 13, 1959.		
3/20/59	Subject LICHTERMAN was arrested by Bureau Agents at Cleveland, Ohio and released on \$5,000 bond.		
3/23/59	Subject WIGODSKI voluntarily surrendered to U. S. Marshal, Cleveland, and released on \$5,000 bond.		
3/24/59	Subject SHUBOW surrendered to U. S. Marshal, Detroit, and released on \$5,000 bond.		
Subjects [redacted] and [redacted]	surrendered to U. S. Marshal, Milwaukee, and released on bonds of \$7,500 and \$1590, respectively.		b6
3/25/59	Subjects [redacted] and [redacted] surrendered to U. S. Marshal, Milwaukee, and released on bonds of \$3,500 and \$2,500 respectively.		b7C

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4/29/59 Warrants issued at Detroit, Michigan on 11/13/58
 charging subjects [redacted] and [redacted] with
 violation of Section 2315, Title 18, U. S. Code
 were dismissed in U. S. District Court, Detroit.

5/11/59 Subjects [redacted] LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI b6
 appeared before U. S. District Judge, Milwaukee,
 and pleaded not guilty to charges returned by
 Federal Grand Jury 3/13/59 at Milwaukee. b7C

U. S. District Judge entered not guilty pleas for subjects [redacted]
[redacted] relative to charges returned by Federal
Grand Jury 3/13/59 at Milwaukee.

U. S. District Judge ordered attorney acting in behalf of subject
SHUBOW to file a brief after he asked the judge to dismiss the
two counts against SHUBOW on grounds the indictment contained
insufficient information.

A pre-trial conference was set by U. S. District Judge for 6/3/59.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 5/18/59

FROM : *Mex* SAC, CINCINNATI (49-950)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Aka.;

ET AL
ITSP; CONSPIRACY

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/20/59, at Cincinnati,
 and Milwaukee letter to Cincinnati, dated 5/6/59.

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There is being enclosed herewith the five-page schedule listing sales by E & A to J. D. CLARK, and the seven other enclosures which have been described in the interview of Mr. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] as set out in above referenced report. These enclosures were inadvertently omitted from accompanying the above-referenced report.

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② Milwaukee (49-320) (Encl. 8) ✓
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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 5/22/59

SAC, WFO (49-1191)

[redacted] aka, et al
NBA - ITSP
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 4/24/59, at WDC, wherein it is reflected that Attorney [redacted] [redacted] stated that he had recommended to the Receiver in Bankruptcy that no further legal steps be taken regarding the merchandise in instant case which was purchased by the Link Sales Co. of WDC.

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It is requested that Milwaukee contact [redacted], Receiver in Bankruptcy to ascertain whether any further action is contemplated relative to this merchandise.

Reference is further made to the report of SA [redacted] dated 2/20/59, wherein information is set forth regarding four empty cartons, which were in possession of the Link Sales Co., and which bore obliterated labels indicating that the merchandise that had been in the cartons had at one time been shipped to Scanlons Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The above-mentioned cartons are being maintained in the WFO. It is requested that Milwaukee and Detroit contact the USA's in their Divisions and ascertain whether it is desired that these cartons be retained as evidence or returned to the Link Sales Co.

It is requested that the above leads be promptly handled so that this case may be brought to a logical conclusion in this office.

2 Milwaukee
2 Detroit (49-1185)
1 WFO

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no further action
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WFO. showed re two cartons that
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they are not needed for Cr.

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Re WFO letter to Milwaukee 5/22/59.

[redacted] on 5/26/59 advised that he contemplates taking no further action relative to Scanlon's merchandise which was purchased by Link Sales Company of Washington, D. C.

On 5/26/59, Assistant U. S. Attorney, [redacted] Eastern District of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, advised that the four empty cartons which were in the possession of Link Sales Company mentioned in referenced letter should be retained for possible future evidentiary purposes.

Milwaukee Division will advise at such time the cartons will not be needed and may be disposed of.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 5-29-59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/11/59 - 5/27/59
TITLE OF CASE [redacted], Aka.; ET AL		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH E. ZIEL	TYPED BY mab
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY	

SYNOPSIS:

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REFERENCES: Report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, dated 2/26/59, at Kansas City.
Report of SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL, dated 3/19/59, at Chicago.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/27/59, at New York City.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/24/59, at Newark.

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LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Will contact National Engineering Company and obtain Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop purchase order and originals of bills of lading covering shipments of 100 lawn sweepers from National Engineering to Scanlon's.

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

*Will continue efforts to interview and obtain signed statements from truck drivers [redacted] and [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information copies of this report are being sent to the Cleveland and Detroit Offices in view of their pending investigation in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Detroit
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Report of: SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL
Date: 5/29/59

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 49-2158

Bureau File #: 49-14193

Title: [redacted] Aka.:
ET AL

Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
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[redacted] of Hoobler and Schwartz, Chicago, determined credit rating of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop through Dun and Bradstreet credit rating book. [redacted] of Martin Company, Chicago, cleared credit for Scanlon's with Dun and Bradstreet credit report of approximately August, 1958. [redacted] of Siegmund Werner Company, Chicago, furnished Scanlon's purchase order Number 3493 and Siegmund Werner Company order Number 18103. Involuntary bankruptcy of Wyn-Oak Appliance Store, Berwyn, Illinois, dismissed 3/5/59 after payment of all administrative charges. Wyn-Oak considered to be solvent. Efforts to interview [redacted] and [redacted] truck drivers, negative.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 3/19/59

Mr. [redacted] of Hoobler and Schwartz, 5234 North Damen, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the details concerning the credit rating of the Scanlon Company in Milwaukee were obtained by Hoobler and Schwartz by consulting the Dun and Bradstreet credit book which he, in turn, furnished with the Hoobler and Schwartz order to the National Engineering Company. Mr. [redacted] stated that Hoobler and Schwartz are independent agencies for approximately a dozen household appliance firms and that in addition to receiving orders for the National Engineering Company from Scanlon's, they also received some Scanlon orders for the Rab Electric Company of 605 East 32nd Street, New York City, the International Appliance Corporation, 918 Stanley Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and the Titan Sales Corporation, 70th Seneca, Buffalo, New York. Mr. [redacted] further advised that all purchase orders received from Scanlon's were, in turn, forwarded with the Hoobler and Schwartz order to the manufacturing companies. Scanlon's purchase order A1686 was forwarded to the Rab Electric Company and Scanlon's purchase order A1688 was forwarded to the National Appliance Corporation.

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b7cInterview with [redacted] File # 49-2158b6
b7con 3/13/59 at 5234 N. Damen, Chicago Date dictated 3/17/59by Special Agent JOSEPH E. ZIEL/mab

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 4/24/59

Mr. [redacted] advised that he is a representative of Balanced Foods, Incorporated, 700 Broadway, New York City, and that he cleared the credit of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop of Milwaukee for the Balanced Foods, Incorporated, by consulting a Dun and Bradstreet report of approximately August, 1958. Prior to this time, Mr. [redacted] stated, he had never had any dealings with [redacted] or Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, although he was aware that Mr. SCANLON had an excellent credit rating prior to his death.

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Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # 49-2158
on 4/20/59 at Martin Company
3555 W. Peterson Ave., Chgo. Date dictated 4/22/59
by Special Agent JOSEPH E. ZIEL/mab

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate 5/28/59

Mr. [redacted] an Executive of the Siegmund Werner Company, furnished Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop order number A3493, dated August 28, 1958, reflecting an order for 36 golf bags to be shipped by Siegmund Werner Company to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop. He also furnished Siegmund Werner Company's order number 18103, dated September 3, 1958, reflecting a shipment of 18 golf bags at \$3.30 each, 12 golf bags at \$4.25 each and 6 golf bags at \$6.75 each. These orders did not contain totals.

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Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # 49-2158 b6
on 5/21/59 at Siegmund Werner Co.
1319 S. Michigan, Chicago Date dictated 5/25/59 b7C

by Special Agent JOSEPH E. ZIEL/mab

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On May 26, 1959, Mr. [redacted] a bankruptcy attorney, advised that the involuntary bankruptcy against the Wyn-Oak Appliance Store of 6801 W. Roosevelt Road in Berwyn, Illinois, owned and operated by [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] was dismissed on March 5, 1959, after all administrative charges, amounting to \$1924.70, were paid. Referee [redacted] [redacted] determined that the Wyn-Oak Appliance Store was found to be solvent and the order to dismiss followed.

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During the months of March, April and May, contacts were made by SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL periodically at night and during the day with the families and relatives of truck drivers [redacted] and [redacted]. At each one

of these contacts, the family or relative of these three individuals advised that [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom are in no way connected and are "wildcat" long distance truck drivers, are on the road about 13 days out of every two week period. They stated that messages have been left with these individuals to have them contact the FBI Office in Chicago.

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To date, only one call was received and that was by [redacted] [redacted] who notified the Chicago Office telephonically at about 2:30 p.m. that he was in town. SA ZIEL, who was not in the office at that time, received this message at about 3:10 p.m. and immediately called the residence of [redacted] and talked to [redacted] who advised that he just received another important long distance hauling job and had left with his tractor for an unknown destination in the East, for a long distance carrier.

Mr. [redacted] National Acceptance Corporation, 33 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 26, 1959 that the National Acceptance Corporation account with the National Engineering Company is closed and satisfied and inasmuch as he would prefer that the National Acceptance Corporation stay out of the affair between the National Engineering Company and Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, he would ship the correspondence regarding the purchase of 100 lawn sweepers from National Engineering to Scanlon's back to the National Engineering Company in Sedalia, Missouri.

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FBI RADIOGRAM

TO: SAC DETROIT AND SAC MILWAUKEE
 FROM: SAC CLEVELAND 031620

DATE: 6-3-59

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[REDACTED] AKA, ETAL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY. CLEVELAND RECEIVED INFO JUNE 2 IRVING LICHTERMAN AND DANIEL E. WIGODSKI, E AND A SALES, CLEVELAND, TRAVELING TO MILWAUKEE THIS DATE FOR PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY INTIMIDATING WITNESS INSTANT CASE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS LICHTERMAN AND WIGODSKI MAY USE LOCAL TALENT DETROIT OR MILWAUKEE IF FORCE DESIRED OR NECESSARY. IDENTITY OF WITNESS AND MODE OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN. DETROIT BE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY LICHTERMAN AND WIGODSKI MAY STOP DETROIT AND CONTACT WITNESS [REDACTED] MILWAUKEE BE ALERT TO ARRIVAL OF LICHTERMAN AND WIGODSKI AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF CONTACTS BY THEM.

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FROM: SAC CLEVELAND 031818

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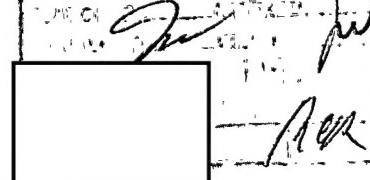
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[REDACTED] AKA, ETAL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY. RE
 CLEVELAND RADIOGRAM THIS DATE. CLEVELAND INFORMANT TODAY
 ADVISED LICHTERMAN AND WIGODSKI LEFT FOR MILWAUKEE DAY OF
 JUNE 2 AND PLANNED ON MAKING TWO UNIDENTIFIED STOPS ENROUTE.
 BOTH CONTACTS ARE [REDACTED]
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 IN DETROIT ON JUNE 4 NEXT.

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Plead Guilty in Discount Fraud

Three of seven persons indicted here in connection with the Scanlon discount house fraud, including two principals, changed their pleas to guilty in the federal court Wednesday.

One of them was James H. Bishop, 32, of Detroit, accused of being the leader in the fraud, which ran up bills of about \$500,000 with about 1,300 wholesalers. He pleaded guilty to a count of mail fraud.

So did Frank Verville, 31, of Chicago. He and Bishop had been named in 19 of 21 counts of the indictment.

Also changing his plea was Ralph L. Halpin, 29, of Detroit, who had been indicted on two counts, one of conspiracy and the other receiving goods in interstate traffic which had been obtained through fraud. He pleaded guilty to the first count.

As soon as the guilty pleas

were made, Howard Hilgendorf, an assistant United States attorney, asked Judge Robert E. Tehan to hold in abeyance the other counts against the three defendants.

Hilgendorf told the judge that Bishop and Verville had agreed to waive constitutional rights and make statements which the government wants and to testify.

Hilgendorf also asked the judge to hold in abeyance two counts against Miss Ruth J. McGuigan, 30, of Chicago, based on the statement of her attorney that she would be willing to testify also. She did not change her plea.

The indictments resulted from alleged fraud in the operation of Scanlon's discount house at 707 W. Wisconsin av. Bishop came here in July, 1958, the government charged, and

bought Scanlon's, which had a high credit rating.

He used the name James B. Kelly. He disappeared last Oct. 10, the day an involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed against him in the federal court here. He was arrested Nov. 13 by the FBI near Los Angeles, Calif.

Other defendants were arrested subsequently. Still pleading not guilty are Daniel Wigdowski, 47, and Irving I. Lichterman, 50, who operated a wholesale firm in Cleveland, Ohio, and Jacob L. Shubow, who operated a wholesale house in Detroit.

Their attorneys have asked for separate trials, claiming that if all defendants were tried together the cases of those charged with more counts might prejudice the cases against the three.

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May Recall Grand Jury in Scanlon Case

The Federal Grand Jury may be recalled to hear new testimony from three defendants who have pleaded guilty in the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop discount fraud, Federal Judge Tehan was informed in court Wednesday.

The defendants who pleaded guilty to a count of mail fraud were James H. Bishop, 32, of Detroit, charged with fraudulently running up about \$500,000 in bills on 1,300 wholesalers throughout the country; Frank Verville, 31, of Chicago, Bishop's associate in the scheme, and Ralph L. Halpin, 29, of Detroit, charged in one count with conspiracy and in the other with receiving goods obtained by fraud.

The four others indicted by the grand jury pleaded not guilty.

Howard Hilgendorf, assistant U.S. attorney, pointed out that the three who changed their pleas to guilty also indicated Wednesday morning they were now ready to testify.

The grand jury, said Hilgendorf, might be able to bring in

another indictment if all these three defendants are called and testify.

"We may have additional defendants and evidence of more overt acts and more counts," said Hilgendorf.

"I am not stating this by way of threat, but we should get all the information possible. The indictment we obtained was without the cooperation of these defendants."

Another defendant, Miss Ruth J. McGuigan, 30, of Chicago, who has pleaded guilty, would also be willing to testify, her attorney said in court.

Attorneys for the other three defendants, however, filed motions for separate trials and a change of venue. The defendants are Daniel Wigdowski, 47, and Irving I. Licherman, 50, who operated a wholesale firm in Cleveland, and Jacob L. Shubow, Detroit, who operated a wholesale house in Detroit.

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[redacted] AKA, ETAL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY. RE CLEVELAND

RADIOGRAMS JUNE 3. CLEVELAND INFORMANT YESTERDAY ADVISED LICHTERMAN AND WIGODSKI RETURNED TO CLEVELAND LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THEY DID NOT HAVE TO GO TO MILWAUKEE RE COURT MATTER. [redacted]

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[redacted] SINCE
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